

**1978 No. 1433 (C. 38)****CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS****The Children Act 1975 (Commencement No. 3) Order 1978**

Made - - - - 13th September 1978

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 108(2) and (8) of the Children Act 1975(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:—

*Citation, extent and interpretation*

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Children Act 1975 (Commencement No. 3) Order 1978.

(2) This order shall not apply to Scotland.

(3) In this order—

“the Act” means the Children Act 1975;

“the 1958 Act” means the Adoption Act 1958(b).

(4) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of this order as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Day appointed for the coming into force of section 24 of the Act*

2. Section 24 of the Act shall come into force on 23rd October 1978.

*Transitional provision and adaptation*

3. The following transitional provision and adaptation shall have effect in connection with the provision brought into force by this order:—

In section 53(4) of the 1958 Act as amended (d) after the words “sections 8(9) and (10)” there are added the words “,10(2), 11(2) and 24”.

13th September 1978.

*David Ennals,*  
Secretary of State for Social Services.

(a) 1975 c. 72.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

(b) 1958 c. 5 (7 & 8 Eliz. 2).

(d) S.I. 1976/1744.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order brings into force in England and Wales section 24 (Convention adoption orders) of the Children Act 1975 and makes the transitional adaptation contained in Article 3 of the Order.

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