STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 236 (C.10)

ARBITRATION COUNTY COURTS MATRIMONIAL CAUSES SUPREME COURT OF ENGLAND AND WALES SUPREME COURT OF NORTHERN IRELAND

The Administration of Justice Act 1982 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1983

Made - - - - 22nd February 1983

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 76(1) of the Administration of Justice Act 1982, hereby makes the following Order:—

- **1.** This Order may be cited as the Administration of Justice Act 1982 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1983.
- **2.** The following sections of the Administration of Justice Act 1982 shall come into force on 1st April 1983; sections 15, 16, 54 and 57, and section 75 so far as it relates to the Judicial Trustees Act 1896.
- **3.** The following sections of the Administration of Justice Act 1982 shall come into force on 1st June 1983; section 69, and section 75 so far as it relates to section 17 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1937.

Dated 22nd February 1983

Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C

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This Order brings into operation a number of provisions of the Administration of Justice Act 1982. Section 15 and Schedule 1 amend the Supreme Court Act 1981 (c. 54), the County Courts Act 1959 (c. 22) and the Arbitration Act 1950 (c. 27), in relation to the powers of the High Court, the County Courts, arbitrators and umpires in England and Wales to award interest on debts, damages and arbitral awards. Section 69 and Schedule 7 make similar amendments to the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 (c. 23) and the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/397 (N.I. 3)). Section 16 amends the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 (c. 18), giving the court power to award interest on certain lump sums in matrimonial proceedings. Section 54 amends the Attachment of Earnings Act 1971 (c. 32) in relation to deductions by employers under attachment of earnings orders. Section 57 amends the Judicial Trustees Act 1896 in relation to accounts of judicial trustees.