
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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Act of Sederunt (Child Care and Maintenance Rules) 1997

CHAPTER 5

MAINTENANCE ORDERS

PART I

GENERAL

Interpretation

5.1 In this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the 1950 Act” means the Maintenance Orders Act 1950(1);

“the 1958 Act” means the Maintenance Orders Act 1958(2);

“the 1972 Act” means the Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972(3);

“the 1982 Act” means the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982(4);

“clerk of court” means the clerk to the magistrates' court in England or Northern Ireland and, in relation to a county court in England or Northern Ireland, means the registrar of that court;

“clerk of the magistrates' court” means the clerk to the magistrates' court in England or Northern Ireland as the case may be;

“Court in a Hague Convention Country” includes any judicial or administrative authority in a Hague Convention Country;

“Hague Convention” means the convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions relating to maintenance obligations concluded at the Hague on 2nd October 1973;

“Hague Convention Country” means a country or territory specified in Schedule 1 to the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders (Hague Convention Countries) Order 1993(5), being a country or territory (other than the United Kingdom) in which the Hague Convention is in force;

“order” includes decree;

“reciprocating country” has the meaning assigned to it by section 1 of the 1972 Act; and

“the Registrar”, in relation to the High Court in England, means the Senior Registrar of the principal Registry of the Family Division of the High Court in England.

(1) 1950 c. 37.

(2) 1958 c. 39.

(3) 1972 c. 18.

(4) 1982 c. 27.

(5) S.I. 1993/593; Schedule 1 was substituted by S.I. 1994/1902.