
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 986

DEREGULATION

The Deregulation (Validity of Civil Preliminaries to Marriage) Order 1997

Made - - - - *18th March 1997*

Coming into force - - *1st October 1997*

Whereas:

- (a) the Chancellor of the Exchequer is of the opinion that certain provisions of the Marriage Act 1949⁽¹⁾ and which are the subject of this Order impose burdens affecting persons in the carrying on of a trade, business, profession or otherwise and that by amending the provisions concerned it is possible to remove or reduce the burdens without removing any necessary protection;
- (b) such organisations as appear to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to be representative of interests substantially affected by proposals to amend the provisions concerned and to make other provision, and such other persons as he considers appropriate, have been consulted;
- (c) it appears to the Chancellor of the Exchequer that it is appropriate, following the consultation, to proceed with the making of this Order;
- (d) a document setting out the proposals has been laid before Parliament as required by section 3 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994⁽²⁾ and the period for Parliamentary consideration under section 4 of that Act has expired;
- (e) regard has been had to the representations made during that period;
- (f) a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament with a statement giving details of those representations and the changes (if any) to the proposals in the light of those representations; and
- (g) a draft of this Order has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

Now, therefore, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1 and 2(3) of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994, hereby makes the following Order—

(1) 1949 c. 76.
(2) 1994 c. 40.