
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Adoption Information and Intermediary Services
(Pre-Commencement Adoptions) Regulations 2005**

PART 3

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING APPLICATIONS

Contacting the appropriate adoption agency

12.—(1) The intermediary agency must (unless it is the appropriate adoption agency) take reasonable steps to establish whether an adoption agency was involved in the adoption and, if so, to identify the appropriate adoption agency.

(2) The steps referred to in paragraph (1) include—

- (a) requesting that information in writing from the Registrar General;
- (b) if the Registrar General certifies that he does not have that information, requesting it in writing from the court that made the adoption order;
- (c) making enquiries of the local authority for the area where the adoption took place.

(3) Where the appropriate adoption agency has been identified, the intermediary agency must contact that agency in order to—

- (a) ascertain whether a veto under regulation 8 exists;
- (b) if no veto exists—
 - (i) ascertain whether the subject has, at any time, expressed his views to the agency about future contact with any relative of his or about his being approached with regard to such contact;
 - (ii) ascertain the agency's views as to whether the application is appropriate having regard to the matters mentioned in regulation 6; and
- (c) seek any other information required for the following purposes—
 - (i) tracing the subject;
 - (ii) enabling the subject to make an informed decision as to whether he consents to the disclosure of identifying information about him or to contact with the applicant;
 - (iii) counselling the subject in relation to that decision;
 - (iv) counselling the applicant.

(4) Unless a veto under regulation 8 applies, the appropriate adoption agency must take reasonable steps to provide the information sought from it under paragraph (3) and may disclose to the intermediary agency such information (including identifying information) as is necessary for that purpose.