

1993 No. 97

FAMILY LAW

**The Child Maintenance (Consent Orders) Order  
(Northern Ireland) 1993**

*Made* . . . . . 5th March 1993

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 5th April 1993

*To be laid before Parliament*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 10(5) of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(a), hereby makes the following Order:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Child Maintenance (Consent Orders) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 5th April 1993.

*Making of maintenance order by consent*

2. Article 10 of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 shall not prevent a court from exercising any power which it has to make a maintenance order in relation to a child in any circumstances in which paragraphs (a) and (b) of Article 10(5) apply.

Dated 5th March 1993

*Mackay of Clashfern, C.*

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(a) S.I. 1991/2628 (N.I. 23)

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The general effect of Article 10 of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 is to prevent a court from exercising jurisdiction to make a maintenance order in respect of a child where a child support officer would have jurisdiction to make a maintenance assessment. This Order makes an exception and thereby preserves the jurisdiction of a court to make a maintenance order where it is simply to give effect to substantive provisions which have already been agreed in writing.