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PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS

CHAPTER II

AMENDMENTS OF THE ORDER OF 1981

**Interpretation of Order of 1981**

**123.**—(1) In Article 2 of the Order of 1981 (interpretation), paragraphs (4) and (5) shall be omitted.

(2) After that Article there shall be inserted—

**“Meaning of member of a person’s family**

**2A.**—(1) For the purposes of this Order a person is a member of another’s family if—

- (a) he is the spouse of that person, or he and that person live together as husband and wife, or
- (b) he is that person’s parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother, or sister.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(b)—

- (a) a relationship by marriage shall be treated as a relationship by blood,
- (b) a relationship of the half-blood shall be treated as a relationship of the whole blood,  
and
- (c) the stepchild of a person shall be treated as his child.”.