

*These notes refer to the Children and Adoption Act 2006  
(c.20) which received Royal Assent on 21 June 2006*

# **CHILDREN AND ADOPTION ACT 2006**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **SUMMARY**

#### **Part 2 - Adoptions with a foreign element**

12. **Part 2** makes provision for the Secretary of State to suspend intercountry adoptions from a country if he has concerns about the practices there in connection with the adoption of children.
13. It also makes other provision for the following other matters relating to intercountry adoption:
  - providing a power for the Secretary of State and the National Assembly for Wales to charge a fee to adopters or prospective adopters for services provided in relation to intercountry adoptions;
  - preventing an overlap of functions by local authorities where a child is brought into the country for the purposes of intercountry adoption; and
  - amending section 83 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 to make it harder for intercountry adopters to circumvent restrictions on bringing children into the UK.