

1966 No. 83

EVIDENCE

The Evidence (Turks and Caicos Islands) Order 1966

Made - - - - - 31st January 1966

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 31st day of January 1966

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas Her Majesty in Council is satisfied that there exists in the Turks and Caicos Islands (hereinafter referred to as "the Islands") a public register kept under the law of the Islands and recognised by the courts thereof as an authentic record, and that that register is regularly and properly kept:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in the exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 5(1) of the Oaths and Evidence (Overseas Authorities and Countries) Act 1963(a) and all other powers in that behalf in Her vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The register of the Islands specified in the first column of the Schedule to this Order shall be deemed to be a public register kept under the authority of the law of the Islands and recognised by the courts thereof as an authentic record, and to be a document of such a public nature as to be admissible as evidence of the matters regularly recorded therein.

2. For the purposes of the preceding article all matters recorded in the register shall be deemed, until the contrary is proved, to be regularly recorded.

3. Subject to any requirements of rules of court, a document which purports to be issued in the Islands as an official copy of an entry in the register specified in the first column of the Schedule to this Order and which purports to be authenticated by an officer of the Islands in the manner specified in that Schedule, shall, without evidence as to the custody of the register or of inability to produce it and without any further or other proof, be received as evidence that the register contains such an entry.

4. Nothing in this Order shall be taken to prohibit or restrict the admission in evidence of any copy, extract, summary, certificate or other document whatsoever which, apart from the provisions of this Order, would be admissible as evidence of any particular matter, or to affect any power which, otherwise than by virtue of this Order, is exercisable by any court with respect to the admission of documents in evidence.

5.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Evidence (Turks and Caicos Islands) Order 1966.

(2) This Order extends to all parts of the United Kingdom.

W. G. Agnew.

SCHEDULE

Articles 1 & 3

Register	Certifying Officer	Mode of Authentication
Book of births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials	The Registrar of Deeds ...	The signature of the certifying officer.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order makes entries contained in the specified public register of the Turks and Caicos Islands admissible in evidence in the United Kingdom and provides for their proof by official certificates.