

1975 No. 2187

MAINTENANCE OF DEPENDANTS

**The Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders
(Designation of Reciprocating Countries) Order 1975**

Made - - - - 19th December 1975

Laid before Parliament 6th January 1976

Coming into Operation 28th January 1976

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 19th day of December 1975

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas Her Majesty is satisfied that, in the event of the benefits conferred by Part I of the Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972(a) being applied to, or to particular classes of, maintenance orders made by the courts of each of the countries and territories specified in column (1) of the Schedule to this Order, similar benefits will in that country or territory be applied to, or to those classes of, maintenance orders made by the courts of the United Kingdom:

And whereas Her Majesty considers the provisions contained in Article 4 of this Order expedient for the purpose of securing the matters set out in section 24 of the said Act of 1972:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1 and 24 of the Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders (Designation of Reciprocating Countries) Order 1975 and shall come into operation on 28th January 1976.

2.—(1) In this Order—

“the Act of 1972” means the Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972;

“the Act of 1920” means the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act 1920(b);

“column (1)” and “column (2)” mean respectively columns (1) and (2) of the Schedule to this Order.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(a) 1972 c. 18.

(b) 1920 c. 33.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

3. Each of the countries and territories specified in column (1) is hereby designated as a reciprocating country for the purposes of Part I of the Act of 1972 as regards maintenance orders of the description specified in respect of that country or territory in column (2).

4.—(1) Sections 5, 12 to 15, 17, 18 and 21 of the Act of 1972 shall apply in relation to a maintenance order transmitted under section 2 or 3 of the Act of 1920 to one of the countries and territories specified in column (1), being an order of the description specified in respect of that country or territory in column (2) to which immediately before the coming into operation of this Order the Act of 1920 applied, as they apply in relation to a maintenance order sent to that country or territory in pursuance of section 2 of the Act of 1972 or made by virtue of section 3 or 4 of the Act of 1972 and confirmed by a competent court in that country or territory.

(2) Sections 8 to 21 of the Act of 1972 shall apply in relation to a maintenance order made in one of the countries and territories specified in column (1), being an order of the description specified in respect of that country or territory in column (2) to which immediately before the coming into operation of this Order the Act of 1920 applied and not being an order which immediately before that date is registered in the High Court or the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland under section 1 of the Act of 1920, as they apply in relation to a registered order.

(3) A maintenance order made by a court in one of the countries and territories specified in column (1) being an order of the description specified in respect of that country or territory in column (2) which has been confirmed by a court in England, Wales or Northern Ireland under section 4 of the Act of 1920 and is in force immediately before the coming into operation of this Order, shall be registered under section 7(5) of the Act of 1972 in like manner as if it had been confirmed by that court in England, Wales or Northern Ireland under subsection (2) of that section.

(4) Any proceedings brought under or by virtue of any provision of the Act of 1920 in a court in England, Wales or Northern Ireland which are pending immediately before the coming into operation of this Order, being proceedings affecting a person resident in one of the countries and territories specified in column (1), shall be continued as if they had been brought under or by virtue of the corresponding provision of the Act of 1972.

N. E. Leigh

Article 3

SCHEDULE

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES DESIGNATED AS RECIPROCATING COUNTRIES

(1) Country or territory	(2) Description of maintenance orders to which designation extends
Barbados	Maintenance orders generally.
Bermuda	Maintenance orders generally.
Ghana	Maintenance orders other than— (a) affiliation orders, and (b) maintenance orders of the description contained in paragraph (b) of the definition of “maintenance order” in the said section 21(1).
India	Maintenance orders other than— (a) affiliation orders; (b) maintenance orders of the description contained in paragraph (b) of the definition of “maintenance order” in the said section 21(1); and (c) orders obtained by or in favour of a public authority.
Kenya	Maintenance orders other than— (a) affiliation orders, and (b) maintenance orders of the description contained in paragraph (b) of the definition of “maintenance order”, in the said section 21(1).
Malta	Maintenance orders generally.
New Brunswick	Maintenance orders other than— (a) affiliation orders; (b) maintenance orders of the description contained in paragraph (b) of the definition of “maintenance order” in the said section 21(1); and (c) orders obtained by or in favour of a public authority.
Northwest Territories of Canada	Maintenance orders other than— (a) affiliation orders; (b) maintenance orders of the description contained in paragraph (b) of the definition of “maintenance order” in the said section 21(1); and (c) orders obtained by or in favour of a public authority.
The Republic of South Africa	Maintenance orders other than— (a) affiliation orders, and (b) maintenance orders of the description contained in paragraph (b) of the definition of “maintenance order” in the said section 21(1).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order designates as reciprocating countries for the purposes of Part I of the Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972 the following countries and territories: Barbados, Bermuda, Ghana, India, Kenya, Malta, New Brunswick, Northwest Territories of Canada and the Republic of South Africa. The Order also contains transitional provisions in respect of maintenance orders and proceedings to which the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act 1920 applied before the coming into operation of the Order.

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