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**1981 No. 1674**

**MAINTENANCE OF DEPENDANTS**

**The Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders  
(Hague Convention Countries)(Variation)(No.3) Order 1981**

*Made - - - - - 24th November 1981*

*Laid before Parliament 2nd December 1981*

*Coming into Operation 1st January 1982*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 24th day of November 1981

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas Her Majesty is satisfied that arrangements have been made in Italy to ensure that maintenance orders made by courts in the United Kingdom against persons in that country can be enforced there:

And whereas Her Majesty is satisfied that in the interest of reciprocity it is desirable to ensure that maintenance orders made by courts in that country against persons in the United Kingdom can be enforced in the United Kingdom:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by sections 40 and 45(1) of the Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972(a), 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 (Hague Convention Countries)(Variation)(No.3) Order 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1982.

2. Schedule 1 to the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders (Hague Convention Countries) Order 1979(b) shall be varied by inserting, after the word "France", the word "Italy".

*N. E. Leigh,*  
Clerk of the Privy Council.

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(a) 1972 c. 18.

(b) S.I. 1979/1317; Schedule 1 was amended by S.I. 1981/837 and 1545.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders (Hague Convention Countries) Order 1979 provides for the implementation in the United Kingdom of the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions Relating to Maintenance Obligations concluded at The Hague on 2nd October 1973. Italy, in accordance with Article 30 of the Convention, has deposited its instrument of acceptance of the Convention and the Convention comes into force between Italy and the United Kingdom on 1st January 1982. This Order consequently amends Schedule 1 to the 1979 Order by adding Italy to the list of Hague Convention countries to which that Order applies.

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