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**1982 No. 4 (L. 2)**

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS**

**The Adoption (County Court) (Amendment) Rules 1982**

*Made* - - - - - *5th January 1982*  
*Laid before Parliament*      *13th January 1982*  
*Coming into Operation*      *15th February 1982*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 9(3) of the Adoption Act 1958(a), and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Rules:—

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Adoption (County Court) (Amendment) Rules 1982 and shall come into operation on 15th February 1982.

(2) These Rules shall not apply in relation to an application for an adoption order made before 15th February 1982.

2. In these Rules “the principal Rules” means the Adoption (County Court) Rules 1976(b).

3. Schedule 1 to the principal Rules shall be amended—

(a) in note (24) to paragraph 19 in Forms 1 and 7, by the addition after the words “the adoption” of the following—

“and payment of allowances by an adoption society or local authority in accordance with a scheme approved by the Secretary of State under section 50(4) of the Adoption Act 1958.”;

(b) in note (25) to paragraph 20 in Form 1, by the addition at the end of the following—

“It is an offence for a person other than an adoption society or local authority to make arrangements for the adoption of a child or place a child for adoption unless the proposed adopter is a relative of the child (as defined in section 57(1) of the Act of 1958, as amended) or unless he is acting pursuant to an order of the High Court. It is also an offence for a person to receive a child placed with him in contravention of this prohibition. The maximum penalties for these offences are 3 months’ imprisonment or a fine of £400 or both.”;

(c) in note (2) to Form 9, by substituting for the words “adoption agency” the words “adoption society”.

Dated 5th January 1982.

*Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.*

(a) 1958 c. 5 (7 & 8 Eliz. 2); section 9 was, so far as is relevant, amended by the Children Act 1975 (c. 72), section 108(1) and Schedule 3, paragraph 22.

(b) S.I. 1976/1644, amended by S.I. 1978/1518 and 1979/978.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Rules amend the explanatory notes which accompany the prescribed forms in Schedule 1 to the Adoption (County Court) Rules 1976 in consequence of the coming into force of section 28 of the Children Act 1975 (which amends section 29 of the Adoption Act 1958 so as to place restrictions on private individuals making arrangements for adoption and on prospective adopters receiving children placed with them privately) and section 32 of the Act of 1975 (which amends section 50 of the Act of 1958 so as to permit in certain circumstances the payment of allowances to adopters).

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