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**1996 No. 2874**

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS**

**The Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1996**

*Made - - - - 19th November 1996*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 19th day of November 1996

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by sections 2 and 13 of the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985(1), 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 Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1996.
2. The Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1996(2) is revoked.
3. The Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) Order 1986(3) is amended by deleting Schedules 1 and 2 and substituting therefor Schedules 1 and 2 which are set out in the Schedule to this Order.

*N. H. Nicholls*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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(1) 1985 c. 60.  
(2) S.I.1996/2595.  
(3) S.I. 1986/1159.

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## SCHEDULE

Article 3

## “SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

CONVENTION ON THE CIVIL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL  
CHILD ABDUCTION, THE HAGUE, 25th OCTOBER 1980

<i>Contracting States to the Convention</i>	<i>Territories specified in Declarations under Article 24 or 25 of the Convention</i>	<i>Date of Coming into Force of Convention as between the United Kingdom and the State or Territory</i>
Argentina	—	1st June 1991
Australia	Australian States and mainland Territories	1st January 1987
Austria	—	1st October 1988
The Bahamas	—	1st January 1994
Belize	—	1st October 1989
Bosnia and Herzegovina	—	7th April 1992
Burkina	—	1st August 1992
Canada	Ontario	1st August 1986
	New Brunswick	1st August 1986
	British Columbia	1st August 1986
	Manitoba	1st August 1986
	Nova Scotia	1st August 1986
	Newfoundland	1st August 1986
	Prince Edward Island	1st August 1986
	Quebec	1st August 1986
	Yukon Territory	1st August 1986
	Saskatchewan	1st November 1986
	Alberta	1st February 1987
	Northwest Territories	1st April 1988
Chile	—	1st May 1994
Colombia	—	1st March 1996
Croatia	—	1st December 1991
Cyprus	—	1st February 1995
Denmark	—	1st July 1991
Ecuador	—	1st April 1992
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	—	27th April 1992

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<i>Contracting States to the Convention</i>	<i>Territories specified in Declarations under Article 24 or 25 of the Convention</i>	<i>Date of Coming into Force of Convention as between the United Kingdom and the State or Territory</i>
Finland	—	1st August 1994
France	—	1st August 1986
Germany	—	1st December 1990
Greece	—	1st June 1993
Honduras	—	1st March 1994
Hungary	—	1st September 1986
Iceland	—	1st November 1996
Republic of Ireland	—	1st October 1991
Israel	—	1st December 1991
Italy	—	1st May 1995
Luxembourg	—	1st January 1987
Macedonia	—	1st December 1991
Mauritius	—	1st June 1993
Mexico	—	1st September 1991
Monaco	—	1st February 1993
Netherlands	—	1st September 1990
New Zealand	—	1st August 1991
Norway	—	1st April 1989
Panama	—	1st December 1991
Poland	—	1st November 1992
Portugal	—	1st August 1986
Romania	—	1st February 1993
Slovenia	—	1st June 1994
Spain	—	1st September 1987
St Kitts and Nevis	—	1st August 1994
Sweden	—	1st June 1989
Switzerland	—	1st August 1986
Venezuela	—	1st January 1997
United States	—	1st July 1988
Zimbabwe	—	1st July 1995

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## SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT  
OF DECISIONS CONCERNING CUSTODY OF CHILDREN AND ON THE  
RESTORATION OF CUSTODY OF CHILDREN, LUXEMBOURG, 20th MAY 1980

<i>Contracting States to the Convention</i>	<i>Territories specified in Declarations under Article 24 or 25 of the Convention</i>	<i>Date of Coming into Force of Convention as between the United Kingdom and the State or Territory</i>
Austria	—	1st August 1986
Belgium	—	1st August 1986
Cyprus	—	1st October 1986
Denmark	—	1st August 1991
Finland	—	1st August 1994
France	—	1st August 1986
Germany	—	1st February 1991
Greece	—	1st July 1993
The Republic of Ireland	—	1st October 1991
Iceland	—	1st November 1996
Italy	—	1st June 1995
Luxembourg	—	1st August 1986
Netherlands	—	1st September 1990
Norway	—	1st May 1989
Portugal	—	1st August 1986
Spain	—	1st August 1986
Sweden	—	1st July 1989
Switzerland	—	1st August 1986 <sup>7</sup>

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends the Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) Order 1986. It adds Venezuela to the list of Contracting States to the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, The Hague, 25th October 1980 (Cm. 33).

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