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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 3203**

**The Adoption and Children Act 2002  
(Commencement No. 7) Order 2004**

**Appointed Days**

2.—(1) 7th December 2004 is the appointed day for the coming into force of the following provisions of the Act—

- (a) in section 2, subsections (1) to (5) and, in so far as they are not already in force, subsections (6) to (8) (basic definitions);
- (b) section 4(6) and (7) in so far as they are not already in force (adoption service);
- (c) section 9 (general power to regulate adoption etc. agencies);
- (d) section 10 (management etc. of agencies);
- (e) section 11 (fees);
- (f) section 27(3) (contact: supplementary);
- (g) section 45 (suitability of adopters);
- (h) section 53(1) to (3) (modification of 1989 Act in relation to adoption);
- (i) section 54 (disclosing information during adoption process);
- (j) sections 63 to 65 and 98 (disclosure of information in relation to a person's adoption pre- and post-commencement of the Act);
- (k) section 108 (corresponding provisions in Channel Islands and the Isle of Man);
- (l) section 122(1)(b) and (2) (interests of children in proceedings); and
- (m) for the purposes of making regulations—
  - (i) sections 3(3) and (4) and 4(1)(b) and (5) (the adoption service);
  - (ii) section 8 (adoption support agencies);
  - (iii) section 12(1) to (3) (independent review of determinations);
  - (iv) section 44 (notice of intention to adopt);
  - (v) sections 56 to 59, 60(2) and (4), 61(5) and 62(7) (disclosure of information in relation to a person's adoption post-commencement of the Act);
  - (vi) sections 77(3), 78(3), 79(5) and (7) to (9), 80(2), (4) and (6), 81(4) and paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 1 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 (the Registers);
  - (vii) sections 83(1) to (7) and (9), 84, 86 and 87(1)(a), (2), (5) and (6) (adoptions with a foreign element);
  - (viii) section 92 (restriction on arranging adoptions);
  - (ix) section 94(1) (restriction on reports);

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- (x) section 115 except in so far as it relates to the insertion of section 14G into the Children Act 1989(1) and paragraph 60 of Schedule 3 and section 139(1) in so far as it relates to that paragraph (special guardianship);
- (xi) section 117 (inquiries by local authorities into representations); and
- (xii) section 121(care plans).

(2) 31st January 2005 is the appointed day for the coming into force of section 120 of the Act (meaning of “harm” in the 1989 Act).