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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note does not form part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations specify the procedure to be followed by adoption agencies and adoption panels in Wales in relation to the assessment and approval of a person wishing to adopt a child from overseas. The assessment and approval procedures are the same as those set out in the Adoption Agencies Regulations 1983 in relation to a prospective adopter who wishes to adopt a child habitually resident in the British Islands.

The Regulations also require adoption agencies in Wales to provide specified information to the National Assembly for Wales where they decide to approve a prospective adopter of a child from overseas as suitable to be an adoptive parent.