
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1987 No. 2203

The Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987

PART V

STATUS OF ADOPTED CHILDREN

Dispositions depending on date of birth

43.—(1) Where a disposition depends on the date of birth of a child who was born illegitimate and who is adopted by one of the natural parents as sole adoptive parent, Article 42(2) does not affect entitlement under Part II of the Family Law Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1977^{F1}[^{F2} or Article 22 of the Wills and Administration Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1994] (illegitimate children).

(2) Paragraph (1) applies for example where—

- (a) a testator dies in 1986 bequeathing a legacy to his eldest grandchild living at a specified time,
 - (b) his daughter has an illegitimate child in 1987 who is the first grandchild,
 - (c) his married son has a child in 1988,
 - (d) subsequently the illegitimate child is adopted by the mother as sole adoptive parent,
- and in all those cases the daughter's child remains the eldest grandchild of the testator throughout.

F1 1977 NI 17

F2 1994 NI 13

Changes to legislation:

The Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987, Section 43 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 6(2) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/1514 reg. 29\(4\)](#)
- art. 60(1A) inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 6\(a\)](#)