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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1989 No. 677**

**The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings  
(Northern Ireland) Order 1989**

**PART V**

**DECLARATIONS OF STATUS**

**Declarations in respect of polygamous marriages**

**37.**—(1) A court shall not be precluded from making any declaration under this Part involving a determination as to the validity of a marriage by reason only that<sup>[F1]</sup> either party to the marriage is, or has during the subsistence of the marriage been, married to more than one person].

<sup>[F1]</sup>(2) Provision may be made by rules of court—

- (a) for requiring notice of proceedings brought by virtue of this Article to be served on any additional spouse of a party to the marriage in question; and
- (b) for conferring on any such additional spouse the right to be heard in the proceedings, in such cases as may be specified in the rules.]

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, Section 37.