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**The Civil Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1997**

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- 3.—(1) In civil proceedings evidence shall not be excluded on the ground that it is hearsay.
- (2) All common law rules providing for exceptions to the rule against hearsay in civil proceedings are superseded by this Order.
- (3) In this Order—
- (a) “hearsay” means a statement made otherwise than by a person while giving oral evidence in the proceedings which is tendered as evidence of the matters stated; and
  - (b) references to hearsay include hearsay of whatever degree.
- (4) Nothing in this Order affects the admissibility of evidence admissible apart from this Article.
- (5) The provisions of Articles 4 to 6 (safeguards relating to hearsay evidence) do not apply in relation to hearsay evidence admissible apart from this Article, notwithstanding that it may also be admissible by virtue of this Article.