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The Intercountry Adoption (Hague Convention) (Scotland) Regulations 2003

PART 1

General

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Intercountry Adoption (Hague Convention) (Scotland) Regulations 2003 and shall come into force on 1st June 2003.

(2) These Regulations extend to Scotland only.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act 1999;

“the 1978 Act” means the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978;

“the 2001 Regulations” means the Adoption of Children from Overseas (Scotland) Regulations 2001(1);

“the Adoption Agencies Regulations” means the Adoption Agencies (Scotland) Regulations 1996(2) subject to the modifications set out in Schedule 4;

“adoption agency” means a local authority or an approved adoption society which is an accredited body for the purposes of the Convention(3);

“adoption panel” has the same meaning as in the Adoption Agencies Regulations;

“contact order” has the same meaning as in section 11(2) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995(4);

“eligible to adopt”, except in regulations 6(7)(a) and 9(1) has the meaning given in regulation 5;

“local authority” in Part 3 means a local authority acting in its capacity as an adoption agency;

“prospective adopter” in Part 2 means a person who makes an application under regulation 3;

“receiving State” has the same meaning as in the Convention;

“relevant local authority” in Part 2 has the meaning given in regulation 13;

“RSCA” means, in relation to a Convention country other than the United Kingdom, the Central Authority of the receiving State;

(1) [S.S.I. 2001/236](#).

(2) [S.I.1996/3266](#).

(3) See section 2(3) of the 1999 Act.

(4) [1995 c. 36](#).

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“SOCA” means, in relation to a Convention country other than the United Kingdom, the Central Authority of the State of origin;

“State of origin” has the same meaning as in Article 2 of the Convention.