



Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 42

PART III

FINANCIAL RELIEF IN ENGLAND AND WALES AFTER OVERSEAS DIVORCE ETC.

Avoidance of transactions intended to prevent or reduce financial relief

24 Prevention of transactions intended to defeat prospective applications for financial relief.

- (1) Where, on an application by a party to a marriage, it appears to the court—
- (a) that the marriage has been dissolved or annulled, or that the parties to the marriage have been legally separated, by means of judicial or other proceedings in an overseas country; and
 - (b) that the applicant intends to apply for leave to make an application for an order for financial relief under section 17 above as soon as he or she has been habitually resident in England and Wales for a period of one year; and
 - (c) that the other party to the marriage is, with the intention of defeating a claim for financial relief, about to make any disposition or to transfer out of the jurisdiction or otherwise deal with any property,
- the court may make such order as it thinks fit for restraining the other party from taking such action as is mentioned in paragraph (c) above.
- (2) For the purposes of an application under subsection (1) above—
- (a) the reference to defeating a claim for financial relief shall be construed in accordance with subsection (1) of section 23 above (omitting the reference to any order which has been made); and
 - (b) subsections (7) and (8) of section 23 above shall apply as they apply for the purposes of an application under that section.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984, Section 24. (See end of Document for details)*

- (3) The preceding provisions of this section are without prejudice to any power of the High Court to grant injunctions under section 37 of the [^{F1}Senior Courts Act 1981] .

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Act substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), s. 148\(1\), Sch. 11 para. 1\(2\)](#); S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2(d)

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