



# Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985

## 1985 CHAPTER 60

### PART II

#### RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CUSTODY DECISIONS

#### 15 Recognition of decisions.

- (1) Articles 7 and 12 of the Convention shall have effect in accordance with this section.
- (2) A decision to which either of those Articles applies which was made in a Contracting State other than the United Kingdom shall be recognised in each part of the United Kingdom as if made by a court having jurisdiction to make it in that part but—
  - (a) the appropriate court in any part of the United Kingdom may, on the application of any person appearing to it to have an interest in the matter, declare on any of the grounds specified in Article 9 or 10 of the Convention that the decision is not to be recognised in any part of the United Kingdom; and
  - (b) the decision shall not be enforceable in any part of the United Kingdom unless registered in the appropriate court under section 16 below.
- (3) The references in Article 9(1)(c) of the Convention to the removal of the child are to his improper removal within the meaning of the Convention.

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 S. 15 applied (with modifications) (1.3.1997) by S.I. 1996/3156, art. 2, Sch.  
S. 15 applied (with modifications) (2.12.1997) by S.I. 1997/2574 art. 2, Sch.

**Changes to legislation:**

Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985, Section 15 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 09 May 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 Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

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

- Sch. 3 para. 8(ba) inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 3\(a\)](#)