

*These notes refer to the Adoption and Children Act 2002
(c.38) which received Royal Assent on 7th November 2002*

ADOPTION AND CHILDREN ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 3 -Miscellaneous and Final Provisions

Chapter 1 – Miscellaneous

Section 131: Supplementary

321. *Section 131* provides general interpretation in respect of the provisions in *sections 125 to 130*. *Subsection (3)* clarifies that any action taken by the Secretary of State or the registration organisation which might otherwise be an offence under *sections 93 to 95* is not an offence where the action was authorised or required to be done by virtue of these provisions.
322. *Subsection (4)* sets out that an Order made under *section 125* is subject to the affirmative resolution procedure. *Subsections (5) to (7)* set out that where the register applies to Scotland, a draft of the Order must be approved by the Scottish Parliament, and where the register applies to Wales, a draft of the Order must be approved by the National Assembly for Wales.