

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

THE ADOPTION AND CHILDREN ACT REGISTER

- 8 (1) Section 131 (supplementary) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1)—
- (a) before paragraph (a) insert—
 - “(za) adoption agency” means—
 - (i) a local authority in England,
 - (ii) a registered adoption society whose principal office is in England,”
 - (b) in paragraph (b) for “an Order under section 125” substitute “regulations”,
 - (c) after paragraph (c) insert—
 - “(ca) Welsh adoption agency” means—
 - (i) a local authority in Wales,
 - (ii) a registered adoption society whose principal office is in Wales.”, and
 - (d) omit paragraphs (d) and (e).
- (3) In subsection (2) after “sections” insert “(except sections 125(1A) and 129(2A))”.
- (4) After subsection (2) insert—
- “(2A) For the purposes of sections 125(1A) and 129(2A)—
- (a) a child is suitable for adoption if a Welsh, Scottish or Northern Irish adoption agency is satisfied that the child ought to be placed for adoption,
 - (b) prospective adopters are suitable to adopt a child if a Welsh, Scottish or Northern Irish adoption agency is satisfied that they are suitable to have a child placed with them for adoption.”
- (5) Omit subsections (4) to (7).