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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1973 No. 19**

**The Adoption (Designation of Overseas Adoptions) Order 1973**

**3.—**(1) An adoption of an infant is hereby specified as an overseas adoption if it is an adoption effected in a place in relation to which this Article applies and under the law in force in that place.

(2) As respects any adoption effected before the date on which this Order comes into operation, this Article applies in relation to any place which, at that date, forms part of a country or territory described in Part I or II of the Schedule to this Order and as respects any adoption effected on or after that date, this Article applies in relation to any place which, at the time the adoption is effected, forms part of a country or territory which at that time is a country or territory described in Part I or II of the Schedule to this Order.

(3) In this Article the expression—

“infant” means a person who at the time when the application for adoption was made had not attained the age of 18 years and had not been married;

“law” does not include customary or common law.