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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2010 No. 1898**

**The Parental Responsibility and Measures for the  
Protection of Children (International Obligations) (England  
and Wales and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2010**

**Interpretation**

**2.** In these Regulations—

“Central Authority” has the meaning given by regulation 9(1);

“Contracting State” means a state party to the Convention;

“the Convention” means the Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-Operation in respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children that was signed at The Hague on 19 October 1996(1);

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...

“Department of Justice” means the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland;

“local authority” means—

(a) in relation to England, the council of a county, a metropolitan district, the Council of the Isles of Scilly, a London borough or the Common Council of the City of London, and

(b) in relation to Wales, the council of a county or a county borough;

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...

“Northern Ireland authority” means an authority within the meaning given by Article 2(2) of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(2);

“public authority” means a body whose functions are wholly or mainly of a public nature;

“Welsh family proceedings officer” has the meaning given by section 35 of the Children Act 2004(3).

**F1** Words in reg. 2 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Jurisdiction and Judgments \(Family\) \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/519), reg. 1(1), **Sch. para. 37(2)(a)** (with reg. 8) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1574](#), regs. 1, 5(2)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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**Commencement Information**

**II** [Reg. 2](#) in force at 1.11.2012 in accordance with, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

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(1) Cm 7727.

(2) S.I. 1995/755 (N.I. 2).

(3) 2004, c. 31.

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