

2020 No. 277

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

**The Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions)
(Amendment) Order 2020**

Made - - - - - *11th March 2020*

Coming into force - - - - - *12th March 2020*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of March 2020

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 2(2) of the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985(a), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to make the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) Order 2020 and comes into force on 12th March 2020.

Amendment of the Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) Order 1986

2. In the Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) Order 1986(b), for Schedule 1 substitute Schedule 1 as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

Richard Tilbrook
Clerk of the Privy Council

(a) 1985 c.60.

(b) S.I. 1986/1159. Schedule 1 was last substituted by S.I. 2017/775.

SCHEDULE

Article 2

Schedule 1 substituted in the Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) Order 1986

“SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, The Hague, 25th October 1980

<i>Contracting States to the Convention</i>	<i>Territories specified in Declarations under Article 39 or 40 of the Convention</i>	<i>Date of Coming into Force of the Convention as between the United Kingdom and the State or Territory</i>
Albania	-	1st July 2016
Andorra	-	1st July 2016
Argentina	-	1st June 1991
Armenia	-	1st July 2016
Australia	Australian States and mainland Territories	1st January 1987
Austria	-	1st October 1988
The Bahamas	-	1st January 1994
Belarus	-	1st October 2003
Belgium	-	1st May 1999
Belize	-	1st October 1989
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	1st December 1991
Brazil	-	1st March 2005
Bulgaria	-	1st May 2009
Burkina Faso	-	1st November 1992
Canada	Ontario	1st August 1986
	New Brunswick	1st August 1986
	British Columbia	1st August 1986
	Manitoba	1st August 1986
	Nova Scotia	1st August 1986
	Newfoundland and Labrador	1st August 1986
	Prince Edward Island	1st August 1986
	Quebec	1st August 1986
	Yukon Territory	1st August 1986
	Saskatchewan	1st November 1986
	Alberta	1st February 1987
Chile	Northwest Territories	1st April 1988
	Nunavut	1st January 2001
China	-	1st May 1994
China	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	1st September 1997
	Macau Special Administrative Region	1st March 1999
Colombia	-	1st March 1996
Costa Rica	-	1st May 2009
Croatia	-	1st December 1991

Cyprus	-	1st February 1995
Czech Republic	-	1st March 1998
Denmark	-	1st July 1991
Dominican Republic	-	21st February 2020
Ecuador	-	1st June 1992
El Salvador	-	1st May 2009
Estonia	-	1st October 2003
Fiji	-	1st October 2003
Finland	-	1st August 1994
France	-	1st August 1986
Georgia	-	1st October 1997
Germany	-	1st December 1990
Greece	-	1st June 1993
Honduras	-	1st March 1994
Hungary	-	1st September 1986
Iceland	-	1st November 1996
Ireland	-	1st October 1991
Israel	-	1st December 1991
Italy	-	1st May 1995
Japan	-	1st April 2014
Kazakhstan	-	1st April 2017
Republic of Korea	-	1st April 2017
Latvia	-	1st October 2003
Lithuania	-	1st March 2005
Luxembourg	-	1st January 1987
Macedonia	-	1st December 1991
Malta	-	1st March 2002
Mauritius	-	1st June 1993
Mexico	-	1st October 1991
Monaco	-	1st February 1993
Montenegro	-	1st December 1991
Morocco	-	1st July 2016
Netherlands	-	1st September 1990
New Zealand	-	1st October 1991
Norway	-	1st April 1989
Panama	-	1st May 1994
Peru	-	1st October 2003
Poland	-	1st November 1992
Portugal	-	1st August 1986
Romania	-	1st February 1993
Russian Federation	-	1st July 2016
St Kitts and Nevis	-	1st August 1994
San Marino	-	1st June 2011
Serbia	-	1st December 1991
Seychelles	-	1st July 2016
Singapore	-	1st July 2016
Slovakia	-	1st February 2001
Slovenia	-	1st June 1994
South Africa	-	1st October 1997
Spain	-	1st September 1987
Sweden	-	1st June 1989

Switzerland	-	1st August 1986
Turkey	-	1st August 2000
Turkmenistan	-	1st May 1998
Ukraine	-	1st June 2011
United States of America	-	1st July 1988
Uruguay	-	1st October 2003
Uzbekistan	-	1st October 2003
Venezuela	-	1st January 1997
Zimbabwe	-	1st July 1995”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/1159) (“the 1986 Order”).

This Order substitutes a new Schedule 1 for the existing Schedule 1 to the 1986 Order, adding Dominican Republic to the list of Contracting States to the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, done at The Hague on 25th October 1980 (Cm.33). The date of the coming into force of the Convention as between the United Kingdom and Dominican Republic is 21st February 2020.

An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument because there is no, or no significant, impact on business in the United Kingdom.

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