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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 3

#### INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF ADULTS

#### PART 3

#### APPLICABLE LAW

##### *Protection of third parties*

- 16 (1) This paragraph applies where a person (a “representative”) in purported exercise of an authority to act on behalf of an adult enters into a transaction with a third party.
- (2) The validity of the transaction may not be questioned in proceedings, nor may the third party be held liable, merely because—
- (a) where the representative and third party are in England and Wales when entering into the transaction, sub-paragraph (3) applies;
  - (b) where they are in another country at that time, sub-paragraph (4) applies.
- (3) This sub-paragraph applies if—
- (a) the law applicable to the authority in one or more respects is, as a result of this Schedule, the law of a country other than England and Wales, and
  - (b) the representative is not entitled to exercise the authority in that respect (or those respects) under the law of that other country.
- (4) This sub-paragraph applies if—
- (a) the law applicable to the authority in one or more respects is, as a result of this Part of this Schedule, the law of England and Wales, and
  - (b) the representative is not entitled to exercise the authority in that respect (or those respects) under that law.
- (5) This paragraph does not apply if the third party knew or ought to have known that the applicable law was—
- (a) in a case within sub-paragraph (3), the law of the other country;
  - (b) in a case within sub-paragraph (4), the law of England and Wales.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 58(4)(ca) inserted by [2023 c. 42 Sch. para. 10](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 4A inserted by [2023 c. 42 Sch. para. 3](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 10A and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 42 Sch. para. 6](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 13A inserted by [2023 c. 42 Sch. para. 7\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 16(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 42 Sch. para. 8\(b\)](#)