

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 9

#### AMENDMENTS

##### *The Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (NI 22)*

**148.**—(1) In Article 22 (notification to Board or HSS trust of adoption application, where child not placed by adoption agency), after paragraph (1) insert the following paragraphs—

“(1A) An application for such an adoption order shall not be made unless the person wishing to make the application has, within the period of two years preceding the making of the application, given notice as mentioned in paragraph (1).

(1B) In paragraphs (1) and (1A) the references to the area in which the applicant or person has his home are references to the area in which he has his home at the time of giving the notice.”

(2) In paragraphs (4) and (5) for “in the care of” substitute “looked after by”.