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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Adoption Agencies (Scotland) Regulations 2009**

**PART IV**

**DUTIES OF ADOPTION AGENCIES WHEN  
CONSIDERING ADOPTION FOR A CHILD**

**Decision that adoption should not proceed or to make an application under section 80 of the Act**

**15.—(1)** Where the adoption agency makes a decision under regulation 13(1) that adoption is not in the best interests of the child and there is a better and practicable alternative to adoption the adoption agency shall take such steps, if any, in relation to the case as it considers appropriate and in the best interests of the child.

(2) Where a registered adoption service makes a decision under regulation 13(1) that an application for a permanence order granting authority for the child to be adopted should be made under section 80 of the Act, the registered adoption service must refer the case to the local authority for the area in which the child resides.