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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 3 **E+W**

INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF ADULTS

PART 1 **E+W**

PRELIMINARY

Introduction

1 This Part applies for the purposes of this Schedule.

The Convention

- 2 (1) “Convention” means the Convention referred to in section 63.
- (2) “Convention country” means a country in which the Convention is in force.
- (3) A reference to an Article or Chapter is to an Article or Chapter of the Convention.
- (4) An expression which appears in this Schedule and in the Convention is to be construed in accordance with the Convention.

Countries, territories and nationals

- 3 (1) “Country” includes a territory which has its own system of law.
- (2) Where a country has more than one territory with its own system of law, a reference to the country, in relation to one of its nationals, is to the territory with which the national has the closer, or the closest, connection.

Adults with incapacity

- 4 ^{F1}(1) “Adult” means ^{F2}subject to sub-paragraph (2)] a person who—
- (a) as a result of an impairment or insufficiency of his personal faculties, cannot protect his interests, and
 - (b) has reached 16.
- ^{F3}(2) But “adult” does not include a child to whom ^{F4}... the following applies—
- (a) 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;
 - ^{F5}(b)]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 3 para. 4 renumbered as Sch. 3 para. 4(1) (coming into force in accordance with reg. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by virtue of [The Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children \(International Obligations\) \(England and Wales and Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1898\)](#), reg. 17, **Sch. para. 10(b)**
- F2** Words in Sch. 3 para. 4 inserted (coming into force in accordance with reg. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by [The Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children \(International Obligations\) \(England and Wales and Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1898\)](#), reg. 17, **Sch. para. 10(a)**
- F3** Sch. 3 para. 4(2) inserted (coming into force in accordance with reg. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by [The Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children \(International Obligations\) \(England and Wales and Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1898\)](#), reg. 17, **Sch. para. 10(b)**
- F4** Words in Sch. 3 para. 4(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. 26(a)** (with reg. 8) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1574, regs. 1, 5(2)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F5** Sch. 3 para. 4(2)(b) 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. 26(b)** (with reg. 8) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1574, regs. 1, 5(2)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Protective measures

- 5 (1) “Protective measure” means a measure directed to the protection of the person or property of an adult; and it may deal in particular with any of the following—
- (a) the determination of incapacity and the institution of a protective regime,
 - (b) placing the adult under the protection of an appropriate authority,
 - (c) guardianship, curatorship or any corresponding system,
 - (d) the designation and functions of a person having charge of the adult's person or property, or representing or otherwise helping him,
 - (e) placing the adult in a place where protection can be provided,
 - (f) administering, conserving or disposing of the adult's property,
 - (g) authorising a specific intervention for the protection of the person or property of the adult.
- (2) Where a measure of like effect to a protective measure has been taken in relation to a person before he reaches 16, this Schedule applies to the measure in so far as it has effect in relation to him once he has reached 16.

Central Authority

- 6 (1) Any function under the Convention of a Central Authority is exercisable in England and Wales by the Lord Chancellor.
- (2) A communication may be sent to the Central Authority in relation to England and Wales by sending it to the Lord Chancellor.

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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\(b\)](#)