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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 3201**

**The Children (Scotland) Act 1995  
(Commencement No.3) Order 1996**

**Commencement**

**3.**—(1) Sections 17, 19, 20, 31, 33, 38, 40, 42, 62, 70, 74, 75, 87, 94 and 101 of the Act shall come into force on 12th December 1996 but only for the purpose of enabling directions, rules or, as the case may be, regulations to be made under those sections so as to come into force on or after 1st April 1997.

(2) Section 98 of and paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to the Act, insofar as not then in force, shall come into force on 12th December 1996 but only for the purpose of inserting after paragraph (a) of section 3(3) of the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978(1) a new paragraph (aa) for the purpose only of enabling regulations to be made, so as to come into force on or after 1st April 1997.

(3) Section 98 of and paragraph 19 of Schedule 2 to the Act, insofar as not then in force, shall come into force on 12th December 1996 but only for the purpose of substituting new subsection (1) and (2) in section 27 of the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978 for the purpose only of enabling regulations to be made, so as to come into force on or after 1st April 1997.

(4) Section 98 of and paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 of the Act shall come into force, insofar as not then in force, on 12th December 1996 but only for the purpose of amending section 9 of the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978 and inserting a new subsection (3A) in that section of that Act for the purpose only of enabling regulations to be made thereunder so as to come into force on or after 1st April 1997.

(5) Section 98 of and paragraph 25 of Schedule 2 to the Act shall come into force on 12th December 1996 but only for the purpose of inserting new section 51A into the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978 for the purpose only of enabling regulations to be made, so as to come into force on or after 1st April 1998 or, as the case may be, enabling the Secretary of State to make a direction.

(6) Section 105(4) of and paragraph 15 of Schedule 4 to the Act shall come into force on 12th December 1996 but only for the purpose of amending the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968(2) for the purpose of enabling regulations to be made, so as to come into force on or after 1st April 1997.

(7) The provisions of the Act, insofar as not already in force, shall come into force on 1st April 1997 except—

- (a) section 98 of and paragraph 25 of Schedule 2 to the Act insofar as they insert new section 51A into the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978, which shall come into force on 1st April 1998; and
- (b) the entry in Schedule 5 to the Act relating to the Trusts (Scotland) Act 1921(3).

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(1) 1978 c. 28.

(2) 1968 c. 49.

(3) 11 and 12 Geo. 5 c.58.