
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No. 777 (C. 29)

FAMILY LAW, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Family Law Reform Act 1987
(Commencement No. 3) Order 2001

Made - - - - 6th March 2001

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 34(2) of the Family Law Reform Act 1987⁽¹⁾, hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Family Law Reform Act 1987 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2001.
2. Section 23 of the Family Law Reform Act 1987, section 33 of that Act, insofar as it relates to the amendments set out in paragraphs 21 to 25 of Schedule 2 to that Act, and these paragraphs shall come into force on 1st April 2001.

Dated 6th March 2001

Irvine of Lairg, C.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force on 1st April 2001 section 23 of, and paragraphs 21 to 25 of Schedule 2 to, the Family Law Reform Act 1987. These provisions amend Part III of the Family Law Reform Act 1969 (c. 46) (tests for determining parentage), by making it possible for samples to be taken of bodily tissue and bodily fluid other than blood and for scientific tests to be used to establish whether a person is the mother of the person whose parentage falls to be determined, as well as whether a person is the father. The only provision of the 1987 Act which has not been brought into force is section 32. (Section 9 was repealed without coming into force.)

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

(This note is not part of the Order)

The following provisions of the Act were brought into force on 4th April 1988 by the Family Law Reform Act 1987 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1988 (S.I. [1988/425](#)):

Sections 1, 18 to 22, 26 to 29, 31, 33 (partially) and 34.

The following provisions of the Act were brought into force on 1st April 1989 by the Family Law Reform Act 1987 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1989 (S.I. [1989/382](#)):

Sections 2 to 8, 10 to 17, 24, 25, 30 and 33 (partially).