
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 3079

**The Adoption and Children Act 2002
(Commencement No. 4) Order 2003**

Appointed days

2.—(1) 28th November 2003 is the appointed day for the coming into force of the following provisions of the Act—

- (a) section 2(7) and (8) (basic definitions) for the purposes of paragraph 3 of Schedule 4;
- (b) paragraphs 105, 106 and 110 in so far as that paragraph relates to the Adoption Act 1976⁽¹⁾, and paragraph 103 (amendments to the Care Standards Act 2000) of Schedule 3 and section 139(1) in so far as they relate to those paragraphs;
- (c) paragraph 118 (meaning of family proceedings) of Schedule 3, and section 139(1) in so far as it relates to that paragraph;
- (d) section 139(3) and Schedule 5 in so far as they relate to the repeal of section 12(5)(b) and the preceding “and” of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000⁽²⁾.

(2) 1st December 2003 is the appointed day for the coming into force of the following provisions of the Act—

- (a) section 111 (parental responsibility of unmarried father);
- (b) paragraphs 6 and 7 of Schedule 3 and section 139(1) in so far as it relates to those paragraphs (amendments to the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953);
- (c) for the purposes of making regulations, paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 (independent review mechanism) and section 139(2) in so far as it relates to that paragraph.

(3) 30th January 2004 is the appointed day for the coming into force of section 119 (advocacy services) of the Act, for the purposes of making regulations.

(4) 1st April 2004 is the appointed day for the coming into force of the following provisions of the Act—

- (a) paragraph 5 of Schedule 4, and section 139(2) in so far as it relates to that paragraph, in so far as it is not already in force;
- (b) section 119 in so far as it is not already in force.