STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 301

EVIDENCE

The Children (Admissibility of Hearsay Evidence) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - -	*18th July 1996*
To be laid before Parliament	
Coming into operation	*4th November 1996*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 169(5) of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**1**) hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Children (Admissibility of Hearsay Evidence) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 4th November 1996.

Admissibility of hearsay evidence

2. In—

(a) civil proceedings before the High Court or a county court; and

(b) civil proceedings under the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 or under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(**2**) in a magistrates' court

evidence given in connection with the upbringing, maintenance or welfare of a child shall be admissible notwithstanding any rule of law relating to hearsay.

Dated 18th July 1996. *Mackay of Clashfern,* C.

(**1**) S.I.1995/755 (N.I. 2)
(**2**) S.I. 1991/2628 (N.I. 23)