1973. No. 199

ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES

Administration of Estates (Rights of Surviving Spouse) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973

Made . . . . . 18*th June* 1973
Coming into operation . . . . 2*nd August* 1973
To be laid before the Parliament of the United Kingdom under paragraph 4(5)(*b*) *of the Schedule to the Northern Ireland* (*Temporary Provisions*) *Act* 1972.

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 7(4A) of the Administration of Estates Act (Northern Ireland) 1955(**a**) and by section 1(1) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(**b**) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE WILLIAM WHITELAW, M.C., M.P., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do hereby order as follows:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Administration of Estates (Rights of Surviving Spouse) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into force on the 2nd day of August 1973.

Increase of net sum payable to surviving spouse on intestacy

2. In relation to the estate of a person dying after the coming into force of this Order, section 7 of the Administration of Estates Act (Northern Ireland) 1955 shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) in sub-section (2) (which provides that where an intestate dies leaving a spouse and issue the surviving spouse takes, in addition to the personal chattels, the whole of the remaining estate where its net value does not exceed two thousand two hundred and fifty pounds and where it exceeds that amount takes two thousand two hundred and fifty pounds together with interest thereon and a share of the residue) for the words "two thousand two hundred and fifty pounds" wherever they occur there shall be substituted the words "seven thousand five hundred pounds";

(*b*) in sub-section (4) (which provides that, where an intestate dies leaving a spouse and no issue but leaving other near relatives, the surviving spouse takes, in addition to the personal chattels, the whole of the remaining estate where its net value does not exceed seven thousand five hundred pounds and where it exceeds that amount takes seven thousand five hundred pounds together with interest thereon and a share of the residue) for the words "seven thousand five hundred pounds" wherever they occur there shall be substituted the words "twenty thousand pounds".

Dated this 18th day of June 1973.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

(**a**) 1955. c. 24. (**b**) 1972. c. 22.