

1993 No. 97

FAMILY LAW

**The Child Maintenance (Consent Orders) Order
(Northern Ireland) 1993**

Made - - - - 5th March 1993

Coming into operation- 5th April 1993

To be laid before Parliament

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 10(5) of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(a), hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Child Maintenance (Consent Orders) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 5th April 1993.

Making of maintenance order by consent

2. Article 10 of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 shall not prevent a court from exercising any power which it has to make a maintenance order in relation to a child in any circumstances in which paragraphs (a) and (b) of Article 10(5) apply.

Dated 5th March 1993

Mackay of Clashfern. C.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

The general effect of Article 10 of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 is to prevent a court from exercising jurisdiction to make a maintenance order in respect of a child where a child support officer would have jurisdiction to make a maintenance assessment. This Order makes an exception and thereby preserves the jurisdiction of a court to make a maintenance order where it is simply to give effect to substantive provisions which have already been agreed in writing.

(a) S.I. 1991/2628 (N.I. 23)