Authority consider it desirable so to do, they may, with the concurrence of the Ministry, appoint an additional member, not being a member of the Fire Authority.

**3.** In carrying out the function conferred on them as aforesaid, the Fire Authority shall comply with any directions given from time to time by the Ministry.

**4.**—(1) In these Regulations :—

the expression " the Ministry " means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland ;

the expression " the Fire Authority " means the Northern Ireland Fire Authority.

(2) In these Regulations, a reference to " civil defence " shall be construed as a reference to the forms of civil defence which may, from time to time, be recognised by the Ministry as appropriate to be undertaken by auxiliary firemen.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

**5.** These Regulations may be cited as the Civil Defence (Auxiliary Fire Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950, and shall come into operation on the first day of November, 1950.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 1st day of November, 1950, in the presence of

(L.S.) *H. C. Montgomery,*
Assistant Secretary.

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A draft of the above Regulations was approved by resolution of the House of Commons on the 24th day of October, 1950, and by resolution of the Senate on the 31st day of October, 1950.

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## COUNTY COURT

*Adoption of Children Rules*, p. 118
*Crown Proceedings Rules*, p. 136
*Elections and Franchise Rules*, p. 140

### Adoption of Children (Northern Ireland) County Court Rules, 1950

1950. No. 123

WE, the undersigned members of the County Court Rules Committee appointed by the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland under subsection (3) of section two of the County Courts (Salaries and Rules) Act

(Northern Ireland), 1947, by virtue of the powers vested in us in this behalf, do hereby make the Rules hereinafter set forth as Rules to be in force in proceedings in the County Courts under the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950, and do hereby certify the same under our hands and submit them to the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland accordingly.

(Signed) *Bernard J. Fox*
*Isaac Copeland*
*Samuel Cumming*
*Charles Stewart*
*Geo. H. Pollock*

I approve of these Rules, which shall come into force on the 19th day of June, 1950.

Dated the 6th day of June, 1950.

(Signed) *James Andrews*,
Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland.

The scale of court fees in the Second Schedule has been fixed with the consent of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry has been affixed hereto this 13th day of June, 1950, in the presence of

(L.S.) *John I. Cook*,
Second Secretary.

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ADOPTION OF CHILDREN ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1950.
COUNTY COURT RULES DATED 6TH DAY OF JUNE, 1950

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Adoption of Children (Northern Ireland) County Court Rules, 1950.

**2.** An application for an interim order shall be made by petition to the Court, and shall be intituled in the matter of the Act and in the matter of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877, and in the matter of the infant. The proposed adopter shall be the petitioner and the infant, the parents or guardian of the infant (if known), any person liable to contribute to the support of the infant, the welfare authority within whose area the petitioner resides and such other person or persons as the Judge may direct, shall be made respondents. The petition shall be in the Form No. 1 in the First Schedule hereto, with such variations as circumstances may require.

**3.** Every such petition shall be listed for hearing at an Equity Sessions of the Court, and shall be delivered to the Clerk of the Crown

and Peace at his office at least one month before such Court and shall be filed by him in his office.

**4.** The petitioner shall cause copies of the petition to be served upon —

(*a*) the parents or guardian of the infant (if known) ;
(*b*) the person having the actual custody of the infant, if different from (*a*) ;
(*c*) any person liable to contribute to the support of the infant ; and
(*d*) the welfare authority within whose area the petitioner resides.

Such copies shall be served at least one month before the date of the Equity Sessions at which the petition is to be heard, and if the parties do not attend, either in person or by their solicitors, such order may be made and proceedings taken as the Judge may consider just. The Judge may, in his discretion, dispense with service upon any of the parties, (except the welfare authority), and may, in his discretion, order the petition to be served upon any other person. If an interim order is granted the Judge may impose such terms and conditions as he may think fit in the interests of the infant, and such interim order shall be in the Form No. 3 in the First Schedule hereto.

**5.** Service of the petition under the last preceding Rule shall be effected by a Civil Bill Officer of the Court in the same manner as service of civil bills in Equity suits under Order VI Rule 4 of the County Courts (Ireland) Orders, 1890.

**6.** Every consent required under sub-section (3) of section two or paragraph (*a*) of sub-section (3) of section twenty-three of the Act shall be in writing and shall be in the Form No. 2 in the First Schedule hereto and shall be attested by one witness.

**7.** The petition shall be verified by affidavit, which shall exhibit all certificates and documents proper for proving the statements in the petition.

**8.** Upon being served with a copy of a petition, the welfare authority shall investigate as fully as possible all the circumstances of the infant and of the petitioner, and, in particular, shall include in its investigations the following questions :—

(*a*) whether the statements in the petition are true ;
(*b*) whether any person or body whatsoever has given or agreed to give or, whether directly or indirectly, has received or agreed to receive any payment or reward whatsoever in consideration of or in connection with the adoption of the infant ;
(*c*) whether the means and status of the petitioner are such as to enable him to maintain and bring up the infant suitably, and what right to or interest in property the infant has ;

(*d*) what insurance, if any, has been effected on the life of the infant ;

(*e*) whether it is desirable for the welfare of the infant that the Court, in making the interim order, should impose any terms or conditions in the interests of the infant.

**9.** When the investigations referred to in the preceding Rule have been completed, the welfare authority shall lodge with the Clerk of the Crown and Peace a report on the result of such investigations. Such report shall be lodged not later than 10 days before the date of hearing of the petition.

**10.** The Clerk of the Crown and Peace shall keep in a place of special security all petitions, consents and other documents relating to any application or order made under the Act, and such documents shall be confidential and shall be kept secret by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace.

**11.** No copy or duplicate of any order made by the Court shall be given to or served upon any person other than the petitioner and the Registrar-General for Northern Ireland unless the Judge shall otherwise direct.

**12.** The welfare authority, and any officer or agent of that body, shall regard all information obtained in the course of the investigation or otherwise in relation to the matter as confidential, and shall not divulge any part of it to any person save as may be necessary for the proper execution of its or his duty.

**13.** Evidence may be given orally or by affidavit, and all applications and proceedings to be heard by the Judge and to which these Rules relate shall be heard by him in his Chambers.

**14.** The Judge may refuse to make an interim order or an adoption order, or to grant an application for a licence, unless all parties, including the infant, attend before him, but he shall have power in his discretion to dispense with the attendance of any party, including the infant, and he may direct that any of the parties shall attend separately and apart from the others, or that any party, including the infant, shall be interviewed privately by himself or the Clerk of the Crown and Peace.

**15.** If, owing to special circumstances, any application appears to the Judge to be proper to be dealt with by the Supreme Court, he may, on that ground expressly, refuse to make an order.

**16.**—(1) If, owing to special circumstances, an application made under section twenty-three of the Act appears to be proper to be dealt with by the Lord Chief Justice, the Judge may thereupon direct that such application be transferred accordingly.

(2) Upon such direction being given, the Clerk of the Crown and Peace shall transmit the notice of application and all other documents

in his possession relating thereto to the Lord Chief Justice, and the application shall thereafter be dealt with in accordance with the Rules of the Supreme Court.

**17.** If it shall appear that the petitioner has made any previous application in respect of the same infant, whether for an interim order or for an adoption order, which has been refused, (or for the discharge of an interim order which has been granted) the Judge shall not make an interim order or an adoption order unless he shall be satisfied that there has been a substantial change in the circumstances.

**18.**—(1) When an interim order has been granted in respect of any infant, the applicant shall, before the expiration of the period specified in the order, or within such extended period as the Judge may, in special circumstances, allow, lodge with the Clerk of the Crown and Peace a Notice of Application for an adoption order in respect of the infant or for the discharge of the interim order, as the case may be.

(2) The applicant shall serve a copy of such Notice upon the welfare authority in whose area he is for the time being resident, and such copy shall be served not less than one month before the date of the Equity Sessions at which the application is to be heard.

(3) The Notice shall be in the Form No. 4 or Form No. 5 in the First Schedule hereto, as the circumstances may require, and shall be lodged with the Clerk of the Crown and Peace at least 14 days before the date of the Equity Sessions at which the application is to be heard.

**19.** Upon the hearing of the application referred to in the preceding Rule, the Judge may deal with such application in accordance with the terms thereof or in any other manner which to him may appear just.

**20.** The Clerk of the Crown and Peace shall be the prescribed officer for the purpose of sub-section (8) of section four and sub-section (8) of section fourteen of the Act, and upon the making or amendment of an adoption order, the Clerk of the Crown and Peace shall forward a sealed copy thereof to the Registrar-General for Northern Ireland in a registered postal envelope marked " Confidential ". Such adoption order shall be in the Form No. 6 in the First Schedule hereto.

**21.** If an application for the discharge of an interim order is granted, such discharge shall be in the Form No. 7 in the First Schedule hereto.

**22.**—(1) An application under sub-section (3) of section twenty-three of the Act shall be heard by the Judge at an Equity Sessions of the Court.

(2) A Notice of any such application shall be in the Form No. 8 in the First Schedule hereto, and a copy of such Notice shall be sent by registered post to every person or body who is a parent or guardian of the infant in question, or who has the actual custody of the infant, or who is liable to contribute to the support of the infant. Such copy

shall be posted not later than one month before the date of the Equity Sessions and a copy shall also, not later than one month before such date, be lodged with the Clerk of the Crown and Peace together with any necessary consent(s), which shall be in the Form No. 2 in the First Schedule hereto.

(3) Upon receipt of such copy, the Clerk of the Crown and Peace shall cause a note of the application to be entered in a separate book kept by him, which shall be known as " The Adoption of Children (Licences) Book ", and such book shall be in the Form No. 10 in the First Schedule hereto.

(4) The order made on any such application as aforesaid shall be in the Form No. 9 in the First Schedule hereto.

**23.**—(1) An application by a guardian *ad litem* under sub-section (5) of section four of the Act shall be in the Form No. 11 in the First Schedule hereto, and shall be lodged with the Clerk of the Crown and Peace not later than three days previous to that upon which the application is to be made.

(2) Such application may be made *ex-parte*, and the Judge may, in his discretion, refuse the application, grant the application on such terms, if any, as he may consider just, or may, before making any determination, require notice to be given to such parties and in such form as he shall deem necessary, and may, for that purpose, adjourn the application to a day fixed by him. If the parties to whom such notice is given do not attend on the day fixed, the Judge may deal with the application in whatever manner he may consider just, their absence notwithstanding.

(3) An order made on such an application shall be in the Form No. 13 in the First Schedule hereto.

**24.**—(1) An application by a welfare authority under sub-section (7) of section four of the Act shall be in the Form No. 12 in the First Schedule hereto. Such application shall be lodged with the Clerk of the Crown and Peace not later than three days previous to that upon which the application is to be made, and paragraph (2) of the preceding Rule shall apply thereto.

(2) An order made on such application shall be in the Form No. 13 in the First Schedule hereto with any necessary modifications.

(3) An application by a proposed adopter for the discharge of an interim order under paragraph (*b*) of sub-section (7) of section four of the Act shall be in the Form No. 5 in the First Schedule hereto, and an order made on such application shall be in the Form No. 7 in the First Schedule hereto.

Notice of such application shall be served upon the welfare authority, the parent(s) of the infant and any person liable to contribute to the support of the infant not less than three days before the day on which the application is to be made.

*General*

**25.** There shall be payable in respect of every application under the Act the court fees specified in the Second Schedule hereto.

**26.** The Judge may make such order as to costs, court fees, and witnesses' expenses as he shall think fit, and may measure such costs and expenses, and in particular may direct that all such costs and expenses shall be borne by the petitioner.

**27.** The forms in the First Schedule hereto shall be used on applications under the Act, and in any case where forms are not included in the Schedule the forms in use in the County Court may be adapted with such variations as may be necessary.

**28.** In any case where a petition has been lodged before the coming into force of these Rules, and no order has been made thereon at the time of such coming into force, any subsequent proceedings thereon shall, so far as practicable, be in accordance with these Rules and with any special or general directions of the Judge, but no order shall be made without notice having been previously given to the welfare authority. In every such case an interim order only shall be granted on the hearing of the petition and the welfare authority shall be appointed as the guardian *ad litem* of the infant concerned.

**29.** Any application under the Act made to the Supreme Court and transferred therefrom to the County Court under paragraph (*c*) of sub-section (1) of section thirty-one of the Act shall be entered, heard and determined as if it had been made to the County Court.

**30.** The Judge shall have power, in special circumstances, to enlarge or abridge the time appointed by these Rules (not being a time specified in the Act) for doing any act or taking any proceeding, upon such terms as he shall think fit, and any such enlargement may be ordered although the application for the same is not made until after the expiration of the time appointed or allowed.

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## FIRST SCHEDULE

FORM No. 1

### PETITION

In the County Court for the County of

In the matter of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950

And in the Matter of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877

And in the matter of **A.B.** of in the County of an infant.

To the (Recorder of ) (County Court Judge for the said County)

THE PETITION of **C.D.** of in the County of (and **E.F.** his wife, of the same address) showeth :

1. Your Petitioner(s) is (are) desirous of adopting the said **A.B.** under the provisions of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950.

2. Your Petitioner(s) is (are) resident and domiciled in Northern Ireland, namely, at aforesaid.

3. Your Petitioner **C.D.** is unmarried (was married to your Petitioner **E.F.** at on the day of ).

4. Your Petitioner **C.D.** is by occupation a

5. Your Petitioner **C.D.** is years of age (and your Petitioner **E.F.** is years of age).

6. (Your Petitioner(s) has (have) resident with him (them) the following persons, namely,

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7. Your Petitioner **C.D.** (**E.F.**) is (are) related to the said **A.B.** as follows :— (or Your Petitioner(s) is not (are not nor is either of them) related to the said **A.B.**).

8. The said **A.B.** is
(*a*) of the sex ;
(*b*) unmarried ;
(*c*) a child of and both of in the County of ;
(*d*) a British subject ;
(*e*) years of age, having been born on the day of at in the County of ;
(*f*) resident at ;
(*g*) now in the actual custody of of in the County of ;
(*h*) under the guardianship of of in the County of ;
(*i*) is entitled to the following property, namely :—

(*j*) the religious denomination of the said infant is

9. of in the County of (and of in the County of ) is (are) liable to contribute to the support of the said **A.B.**

10. The said **A.B.** has not been the subject of an interim order or adoption order, (save that [*State order and application or petition, if any*] ).

11. Your Petitioner(s) undertakes (undertake) if an interim order is made on this Petition, to make for the said **A.B.** the following provision, namely :—

Your Petitioner(s) will, if required, secure the above provision by bond or otherwise as the Court may require.

12. Consents to this Petition have been obtained from the following persons, namely :—
(*a*) (Parents).
(*b*) (Guardian).
(*c*) (Actual custodian of infant).
(*d*) (Person or persons liable to contribute to support of infant).
(*e*) (Spouse of Petitioner).

13. Your Petitioner(s) has not (have not nor has either of them) received or agreed to receive and no person has made or given or agreed to make or give to the Petitioner(s) (or either of them) any payment or reward in consideration of the adoption of the said **A.B.** (except as follows : ).

14. It is proposed that the costs of this Petition shall be provided for as follows, namely :—

Your Petitioner(s) prays (pray) —
(1) that an interim order for the adoption of the said **A.B.** by your Petitioner(s) may be made in pursuance of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950, with all the necessary directions ;
(2) that the costs of this Petition may be provided for as above mentioned or otherwise as the Court may direct ;
(3) such further or other order as the nature of the case may require.

Signature of Petitioner(s).

AFFIDAVIT VERIFYING PETITION

(I) (We) **C.D.** of in the County of [*description*] (and **E.F.** of same address [*description*]) aged (respectively) years and upwards, make oath and say as follows :—

1. I(We) have read the foregoing Petition and the facts therein stated are true to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

2. I (We) beg to refer to [*detail exhibits*] upon which I (we) have (respectively) endorsed my (our) name(s) at the time of swearing hereof.

Sworn, etc.,

TAKE NOTICE that the within Petition will be heard at the Equity Sessions to be held at on the day of at o'clock in the noon.

Clerk of the Crown and Peace.

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FORM NO. 2

CONSENT

In the County Court for the County of

In the Matter of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950

And in the Matter of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877

And in the matter of **A.B.** of in the County of an infant.

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I, of in the County of [*description*] being

(*a*) the father of the said infant ;
(*b*) the mother of the said infant ;
(*c*) the guardian of the said infant ;
(*d*) a person having the actual custody of the said infant ;
(*e*) a person liable to contribute to the support of the said infant ;
(*f*) the spouse of of in the County of [*description*] the Petitioner in this matter

hereby state that I understand the nature and effect of the interim order (licence) for which application is made (and that in particular I understand that the effect of an adoption order when made will be permanently to deprive me of my parental rights).

I HEREBY CONSENT to [the making of an adoption order in favour of the Petitioner(s)] [the granting of a licence to the applicant].

The date of birth of the said infant was the day of 19 .

IN WITNESS whereof I have signed this consent on the day of 19 , at in the County of

(Signature)

Signed in my presence by the said who satisfied me that s(he) fully understood the nature of the foregoing statements.

(Signature of witness)

(Address)

(Description)

FORM No. 3

## INTERIM ORDER

In the County Court for the County of

In the Matter of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950

And in the Matter of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877

And in the matter of **A.B.** of
in the County of an infant.

By the (Recorder of ) (County Court Judge for the said County)

UPON reading the Petition of **C.D.** (*description*) (and of **E.F.** his wife, both) of [*address*], and upon reading the (joint) affidavit of the said Petitioner(s) and the exhibits thereto, viz :—[*detail exhibits*]

AND UPON HEARING [solicitor or Counsel] for the Petitioner(s) and the evidence of [*state names of witnesses examined orally*]

AND IT APPEARING that a copy of the said Petition was duly served upon the welfare authority for the area of on the day of 19 .

And the Judge being satisfied that the statements in the said Petition are true and being also satisfied with the undertaking of the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) as to the provision to be made for the above-named infant (and with the securing thereof), and being further satisfied that it is for the benefit of the said infant that s(he) should for the present be in the custody of the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) and that all the requirements of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950, have been complied with.

IT IS ORDERED that the custody of the said infant be given to the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) for the period of from the date hereof by way of probationary period [subject to the following terms and conditions, that is to say :— ]

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that (the welfare authority for the area of ) (**G.H.**, an officer of the welfare authority for the area of ), be, and (the same) (he) is hereby appointed to be the guardian *ad litem* of the said infant, and shall be at liberty at all reasonable times to visit and interview the infant alone and to make all necessary inquiries as to the comfort and well-being of the infant.

AND AS regards costs it is ordered that
and any of the parties including the guardian *ad litem* of the said infant shall be at liberty to apply as they may be advised.

Dated at the day of 19 .

Clerk of the Crown and Peace.

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FORM No. 4

## APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION ORDER

In the County Court for the County of

In the Matter of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950

And in the Matter of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877

And in the matter of **A.B.** of
in the County of an infant.

WHEREAS by an interim order of the above Court made on the day of 19 , the custody of the said infant was granted to **C.D.** (and **E.F.** both) of [*address*] for the period of from the date thereof by way of probationary period

AND WHEREAS the said probationary period expired (will expire) on the day of 19 ,

AND WHEREAS the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) is (are) still desirous of adopting the said infant

TAKE NOTICE that it is the intention of the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) to apply to the above Court on the day of 19 , for an order authorising the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) to adopt the said infant, and that the said infant shall thereafter be known by the name of

Dated the day of 19 .

(Signed)

Applicant.

Solicitor for the Applicant.

*To* :

1. The parent(s) of the infant.
2. Any person liable to contribute to the support of the infant.
3. The welfare authority for the area of

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FORM NO. 5

APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE OF INTERIM ORDER

In the County Court for the County of

In the Matter of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950

And in the Matter of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877

And in the matter of **A.B.** of
in the County of an infant.

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WHEREAS by an interim order, etc.,
AND WHEREAS the said probationary period, etc.,

AND WHEREAS the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) is (are) no longer [desirous of adopting the said infant] [able (willing) to retain the custody of the said infant]

TAKE NOTICE that it is the intention of the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) to apply to the above Court on the day of 19 , for the discharge of the said interim order on the grounds that [*state reasons for application in full*]

Dated the day of 19 .

Applicant.

Solicitor for Applicant.

*To* :

1. The welfare authority for the area of
2. [The parent(s) of the infant]
3. [Any person liable to contribute to the support of the infant]

FORM No. 6

ADOPTION ORDER

In the County Court for the County of

In the Matter of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950

And in the Matter of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877

And in the matter of **A.B.** of
in the County of an infant.

By the (Recorder of ) (County Court Judge for the said County)

UPON READING the application of **C.D.** [*description*] of (*full address*) in the County of (and **E.F.** of same address)

AND UPON HEARING (solicitor for the applicant) (of Counsel for the Applicant) and the evidence of [*state names and description of all witnesses examined orally*].

AND IT APPEARING that notice of the said application was duly served upon the welfare authority for the area of on the day of 19 .

AND IT ALSO APPEARING that by an interim order of the Court, made on the day of 19 , the custody of the said infant was granted to the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) for the period of from the date thereof by way of probationary period

AND the Judge being satisfied with the undertaking of the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) as to the provision to be made for the above-named infant (and with the securing thereof), and being further satisfied that it is for the welfare of the infant that s(he) should be adopted by the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**), and that all the requirements of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950, have been complied with

IT IS ORDERED that the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) be authorised to adopt the said infant, who shall be known by the name of

(AND the following payment or reward is sanctioned, viz :—

(AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the costs of these proceedings be borne by )

AND it having been proved to the satisfaction of the Judge that the infant is identical with to whom the entry numbered and made on the day of in the Register of Births of the District of in the (Union of ) (Superintendent Registrar's District of ) in the County of relates

AND the (probable) date of birth of the infant appearing to be the day of 19 .

(AND the infant having previously been the subject of an adoption order dated the day of 19 , of which particulars are entered in the Adopted Children Register).

IT IS DIRECTED that the Registrar General shall make in the Adopted Children Register an entry recording the adoption in the form set out in the Schedule to the Act, and the particulars to be entered under the headings in columns 2 to 6 of that Schedule shall be those specified in the Schedule to this Order.

(AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that the Registrar General shall cause the said entry in the Register of Births to be marked with the word " Adopted ").

(AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that the Registrar General shall cause the previous entry in the Adopted Children Register relating to the infant to be marked with the word " Re-adopted ").

Dated the day of 19 .

Clerk of the Crown and Peace.

SCHEDULE

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| Date of birth of child, and if birthplace is not Northern Ireland Country of birth. | Name and Surname of child | Sex of child | Name and surname, address and occupation of adopter or adopters. | Date of adoption order and description of Court by which made. |

FORM No. 7

## DISCHARGE OF INTERIM ORDER

In the County Court for the County of

In the Matter of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950

And in the Matter of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877

And in the matter of **A.B.** of
in the County of an infant.

By the (Recorder of ) (County Court Judge for the said County)

UPON READING, etc.,
AND UPON HEARING, etc.,
AND IT APPEARING, etc.,
AND IT ALSO APPEARING, etc., } As in adoption order

AND IT FURTHER APPEARING that the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) is (are) no longer [desirous of adopting the said infant] [able (willing) to retain the custody of the said infant].

AND the Judge being satisfied with the reasons advanced by (on behalf of) the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**)

IT IS ORDERED that the said interim order be, and the same is hereby, discharged, and shall be of no force or effect as from the date hereof.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as regards costs

Dated this day of 19 .

Clerk of the Crown and Peace.

FORM No. 8

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE UNDER SECTION TWENTY-THREE

In the County Court for the County of

In the Matter of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950

And in the Matter of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877

And in the matter of **A.B.** of
in the County of an infant.

WHEREAS the above-named infant was born at in the County of on the day of 19 , and is at present residing at in the County of in the custody and possession of

AND WHEREAS arrangements have been made for the adoption of the said infant by **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) of [*state full address abroad of the proposed adopter(s), and, if temporarily in Northern Ireland, full address in Northern Ireland also*]

AND WHEREAS the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) is (are) British subjects resident abroad as aforesaid.

AND WHEREAS the grounds for the proposed adoption as aforesaid are as follows :—

AND WHEREAS in pursuance of and in order to effectuate the said adoption arrangements it is desired that the care and possession of the said infant be transferred to the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**).

AND WHEREAS a consent(s) to this application has (have) been obtained from :—

TAKE NOTICE, that I, **G.H.** of in the County of [*give full description of applicant, and state what official position, if any, is held by him or what relationship, if any, he bears to the infant*] intend to apply to the above Court on the day of 19 , for a Licence under sub-section (3) of section twenty-three of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950, authorising me to transfer the care and possession of the said infant to the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) as aforesaid

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that if you do not appear, either personally or by your solicitor, on the hearing of this application, you will be deemed to have consented to the granting of such Licence as aforesaid, and the Judge will make such order on foot of this application as to him may seem just, your absence notwithstanding.

Dated the day of 19 .

(Signed)
Applicant

Solicitor for Applicant.

*To* :

1. The parent(s) or guardian(s) of the infant.
2. The person having the custody of the infant.
3. Any person liable to contribute to the support of the infant.

FORM No. 9

LICENCE

In the County Court for the County of

In the Matter of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950

And in the Matter of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877

And in the matter of **A.B.** of
in the County of an infant.

By the (Recorder of ) (County Court Judge for the said County)

WHEREAS arrangements have been made for the adoption of the above-named infant by **C.D.** (and **E.F.**)

AND WHEREAS the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) is a (are) British subject(s) resident at [*state full address*]

AND WHEREAS **G.H.** of in the County of [*give full description of applicant*] hath applied to this Court for a Licence, under sub-section (3) of section twenty-three of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950, authorising him to transfer the care and possession of the said infant to the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**)

AND UPON HEARING **I.J.**, [solicitor] [of counsel] for the said applicant, [and the evidence of ]

AND UPON READING the report of [*detail any report submitted to the Court, and the name and official position of the person making it*]

AND IT APPEARING to the Court that the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) is a (are) suitable person(s) to be entrusted with the care and possession of the said infant, and that the transfer of such care and possession is likely to be for the welfare of the infant,

IT IS ORDERED that the said **G.H.** be, and he is hereby, authorised to transfer the care and possession of the said infant to the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) [subject to the following conditions, viz :— ]

[AND the following payment in consideration of such transfer as aforesaid is hereby authorised, viz :— ]

Dated this day of 19 .

Clerk of the Crown and Peace.

FORM No. 10

LICENCE BOOK

day of 19 .

| No. | Solicitor | Date Notice Received | Name and address of Applicant | Names and addresses of persons served | Name and address of infant | Name of person in charge of infant | Name and address of person(s) to whom transfer is to be made | Names of witnesses or description of documents put in evidence | ORDER OF COURT |
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FORM No. 11

APPLICATION BY GUARDIAN *AD LITEM* UNDER SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION FOUR OF THE ACT

In the County Court for the County of

In the Matter of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950

And in the Matter of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877

And in the matter of **A.B.** of
in the County of an infant.

WHEREAS by an interim order of the above Court made on the day of 19 , the custody of the said infant was granted to **E.F.** (and **G.H.**) of in the County of for the period of from the date thereof by way of probationary period.

[AND WHEREAS the said child is about to be received (is being kept) [in premises which are overcrowded (insanitary) (dangerous) ]
[in an environment which is detrimental to him (her) ], viz :—
at in the County of ]: or

[AND WHEREAS the said child is in the care and possession of **I.J.** of in the County of , and the said **I.J.** is a person who, [by reason of (negligence) (ignorance) (inability) (immorality) (criminal conduct) (mental or bodily disease or infirmity) (other infirmity or incapacity) ] [has refused and refuses admission to a child protection visitor acting in the supervision of the infant under section four of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950] ]

AND WHEREAS by reason thereof it is expedient in the interests of the infant that s(he) should be removed to a place of safety.

TAKE NOTICE that an application to the above Court will be made on the day of 19 for an order directing the removal of the said infant to in the County of , there to remain in the custody and possession of the welfare authority for the area of [until such time as other arrangements can be made with respect to him (her) ] [until such time as s(he) can be restored to his (her) parent(s) or guardian]

Dated this day of 19 .

(*Signed*)

An officer of the welfare authority for the area of

*To* :—
The Clerk of the Crown and Peace.

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FORM No. 12

APPLICATION BY WELFARE AUTHORITY UNDER SUB-SECTION (7) OF SECTION FOUR OF THE ACT

In the County Court for the County of

In the Matter of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950

And in the Matter of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877

And in the matter of **A.B.** of
in the County of an infant.

WHEREAS by an interim order of the above Court made on the day of 19 , the custody of the said infant was granted to **C.D.** (and **E.F.** both) of for the period of from the date thereof by way of probationary period

AND WHEREAS the said probationary period has not yet expired.

[AND WHEREAS the said **C.D.** (or **E.F.**) has died since the date of the said order, viz ; on the day of 19 ]

[AND WHEREAS the said **C.D.** (and **E.F.**) has (have) become unable (unwilling) to retain the custody of the said infant by reason of [*state reasons in full for such inability or unwillingness*] ]

AND WHEREAS by reason thereof it is expedient in the interests of the said infant that s(he) should be removed to a place of safety

TAKE NOTICE that an application to the above Court will be made on the day of 19 for an order directing the removal of the said infant to in the County of , there to remain in the custody and possession of the welfare authority for the area of [until such time as other arrangements can be made with respect to him (her) ] [until such time as (s)he can be restored to his (her) parent(s) or guardian]

Dated this day of 19 .

(*Signed*)
An officer of the welfare authority
for the area of

*To* :—
The Clerk of the Crown and Peace.

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FORM No. 13

ORDER FOR REMOVAL OF CHILD

In the County Court for the County of

In the Matter of the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland), 1950

And in the Matter of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877

And in the matter of **A.B.** of in the County of an infant.

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By the (Recorder of ) (County Court Judge for the said County)

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UPON HEARING (solicitor for the applicant) (of Counsel for the applicant)

(AND UPON HEARING the evidence of )

AND IT APPEARING to the Court that it is expedient in the interests of the said infant that s(he) should be removed from the custody and possession of and received into the custody of

IT IS ORDERED that the custody of the said infant be forthwith taken from the said and that the said infant be taken to and remain at in the custody and possession of until [such time as other arrangements can be made with respect to him (her)] [such time as s(he) can be restored to his (her) parent(s) or guardian]

Dated this day of 19 .

Clerk of the Crown and Peace.