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I, FRANCES FITZGERALD, Minister for Justice and Equality, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 1(5) of the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 (No. 9 of 2015), hereby order as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 (Commencement of Certain Provisions) Order 2016.

2. In this Order—

“Act of 1964” means the Guardianship of Infants Act 1964 (No. 7 of 1964);

“Act of 1987” means the Status of Children Act 1987 (No. 26 of 1987);


3. The 18th day of January 2016 is appointed as the day on which the following provisions of the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 (No. 9 of 2015) shall come into operation:

(a) Part 1;

(b) Part 4, other than—

(i) section 43(a)(iii),

(ii) section 43(a)(iv), insofar as that section inserts the following definitions in section 2 of the Act of 1964—

(I) “Act of 2015”, and

(II) “donor-conceived child”,

(iii) section 47,

(iv) section 49, insofar as—

(I) that section inserts section 6B in the Act of 1964, and

(II) section 6F of the Act of 1964, inserted by that section, relates to section 6B(3) of the Act of 1964, and

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(v) section 51, insofar as section 8 of the Act of 1964, amended by that section, relates to section 6B of the Act of 1964;

(c) sections 68 and 70;

(d) Part 6, other than—

(i) section 72(a),

(ii) section 75, and

(iii) section 77;

(e) Part 7, other than—

(i) section 79, insofar as that section inserts the following definitions in section 33 of the Act of 1987—

(I) “Act of 2015”,

(II) “donor-conceived child”,

(III) “parent”, and

(IV) “second parent”,

(ii) section 80, insofar as the following provisions of section 35 of the Act of 1987, amended by that section, relate to a “second parent”—

(I) subsection (1)(b),

(II) subsections (1A) and (1B), and

(III) subsection (8), and

(iii) section 81, insofar as that section inserts the following definitions in section 37 of the Act of 1987—

(I) “Act of 2015”,

(II) “DAHR procedure”,

(III) “donor-conceived child”, and

(IV) “parent”;

(f) Part 8;

(g) section 135, other than insofar as paragraph (a) of the definition of “dependent child of the civil partners” inserted by that section in section 2 of the Act of 2010 relates to a dependent child of both
civil partners or adopted by both civil partners under the Adoption Act 2010;

(h) sections 136 to 150;

(i) sections 152 to 172;

(j) Part 13, other than sections 176 and 177.

GIVEN under my Official Seal,
12 January 2016.

FRANCES FITZGERALD,
Minister for Justice and Equality.
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM


The Minister for Justice and Equality has made an order, entitled above, which appoints 18 January 2016 as the date on which specified provisions of Parts 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 13 of the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 come into effect.