STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 1201

PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

The Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (Extension of Operative Period) Regulations 2025

Made - - - -	*13th November 2025*
Coming into force - -	*13th December 2025*

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(6) and (12) of the Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 ("the Act")(**1**), and with the consent of the Scottish Ministers and the Department of Justice for Northern Ireland.

The Secretary of State is an appropriate national authority for the purpose of section 2(6) of the Act(**2**).

In accordance with paragraph 2 of Schedule 6 to the Act, the Secretary of State has consulted such persons as the Secretary of State thinks appropriate.

In accordance with paragraph 4(2)(e) of Schedule 6 to the Act, a draft of this instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (Extension of Operative Period) Regulations 2025.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 13th December 2025.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Extension of operative period

2. The operative period(**3**) for making regulations under subsections (1) to (3) of section 2 of the Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 is extended by a period of five years.

(**1**) 2020 c. 24.
(**2**) See section 2(12) of the 2020 Act for the definition of "appropriate national authority".
(**3**) See section 2(5) for the meaning of "operative period".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Jake Richards
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Ministry of Justice

13th November 2025

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Regulations under section 2(1) to (3) of the Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (c. 24) ("the Act") may only be made during "the operative period". Section 2(5) provides that the operative period is the period of five years beginning with the day on which the Act was passed. The Act received Royal Assent on 14th December 2020. The operative period therefore expires at the end of 13th December 2025. However, section 2(6) of the Act enables the appropriate national authority, by regulations made under that subsection, to extend the operative period by a period of five years.

Regulation 2 extends the operative period for five years starting on 13th December 2025 with the effect that the regulation-making powers in section 2(1) to (3) will expire at the end of 12th December 2030.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.