



**Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru
The National Assembly for Wales**

ADRODDIAD GAN Y PWYLLGOR DEDDFAU

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Adoption of Children from Overseas (Wales) Regulations 2001

Background

The Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act 1999 inserts into the Adoption Act 1976 a new section 56A introducing restrictions on bringing children into the UK for adoption. This new section 56A is being commenced on 30 April 2001.

Regulations which are being made by the Secretary of State for Health under section 56A introduce, for both Wales and England, requirements which a person must comply with when bringing a child into the UK for adoption.

The regulations made by the Secretary of State for Health additionally specify, for England only, procedures to be followed by adoption agencies and panels in the assessment and approval of persons wishing to adopt a child from overseas. Provisions to the same effect as the England only provisions of the Secretary of State for Health regulations are made for Wales by the regulations presently under consideration.

These regulations were made under the executive procedure on 29 March 2001.

Standing Order 11.5

No points have been identified as matters in respect of which the Committee needs to invite the Assembly to pay special attention.

General Observations

Although the numbers for insertion in the uncompleted footnotes were not available at the time of making, they will need to be ascertained in time for insertion in the printed SI.

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