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PROSPECTIVE

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 4

Transitional and transitory provisions and savings

Pending applications for freeing orders

2. Nothing in this Act affects any application for an order under Article 17 or 18 of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (freeing for adoption) where—
- (a) the application has been made and has not been disposed of immediately before the repeal of those Articles; and
 - (b) immediately before that repeal the home of the child in relation to whom the application is made is with a person with whom the child has been placed for adoption by an adoption agency.

Commencement Information

- II** Sch. 4 para. 2 not in operation at Royal Assent, see [s. 160\(1\)](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2018/412, Sch. 3 (as substituted) by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 83](#)