

## **Section 1, Adoption Act 1991 – as it read on 30 May 1991**

1.—In this Act—

"**foreign adoption**" means an adoption of a child who at the date on which the adoption was effected was under the age of 21 years or, if the adoption was effected after the commencement of this Act, 18 years, which was effected outside the State by a person or persons under and in accordance with the law of the place where it was effected and in relation to which the following conditions are satisfied:

( a ) the **consent** to the adoption of every person whose consent to the adoption was, under the law of the place where the adoption was effected, required to be obtained or dispensed with was obtained or dispensed with under that law,

( b ) the adoption has essentially **the same legal effect as respects the termination and creation of parental rights and duties** with respect to the child in the place where it was effected as an adoption effected by an adoption order,

( c ) the law of the place where the adoption was effected required **an enquiry to be carried out**, as far as was practicable, into the adopters, the child and the parents or guardian,

( d ) the law of the place where the adoption was effected required the court or other authority or person by whom the adoption was effected, before doing so, to give due consideration to the **interests and welfare of the child**,

( e ) the adopters have not received, made or given or caused to be made or given any **payment or other reward** (other than any payment reasonably and properly made in connection with the making of the arrangements for the adoption) in consideration of the adoption or agreed to do so.