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An Act to amend the law relating to minors' contracts.

[12th November 1993*]

Disapplication of Infants Relief Act 1874, etc.

1. The Infants Relief Act 1874 (which invalidates certain contracts made by minors and prohibits actions to enforce contracts ratified after majority) shall not apply to any contract made by a minor after 9th April 1987.

[U.K. 1874, c. 62]

Guarantees

2. Where —

- (a) a guarantee is given in respect of an obligation of a party to a contract made after 9th April 1987; and
- (b) the obligation is unenforceable against him (or he repudiates the contract) because he was a minor when the contract was made,

the guarantee shall not for that reason alone be unenforceable against the guarantor.

*Date when this Act was made applicable by the Application of English Law Act (Cap. 7A).

Restitution

3.—(1) Where —

- (a) a person (the plaintiff) has after 9th April 1987 entered into a contract with another (the defendant); and
- (b) the contract is unenforceable against the defendant (or he repudiates it) because he was a minor when the contract was made,

the court may, if it is just and equitable to do so, require the defendant to transfer to the plaintiff any property acquired by the defendant under the contract, or any property representing it.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be taken to prejudice any other remedy available to the plaintiff.

Contracts before 12th November 1993

4. Nothing in this Act applies in relation to a contract made after 9th April 1987 and before 12th November 1993 except in so far as it was applicable by virtue of section 5 of the Civil Law Act [Cap. 43] in force before 12th November 1993.

Short title

5. This Act may be cited as the *Minors' Contracts Act*.

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