

# ORDER IN COUNCIL

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## **The Inheritance (Amendment) (Guernsey) Law, 2016**

(Registered on the Records of the Island of Guernsey  
on the 16th May, 2016.)



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### IN THE ROYAL COURT OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

The 16th day of May, 2016 before Sir Richard Collas, Bailiff, present:- Mrs. Susan Mowbray, Mrs. Barbara Jean Bartie, John Ferguson, Stephen Murray Jones, Peter Sean Trueman Girard, David Percy Langley Hodgetts, L.V.O., Niall David McCathie, Esquires, Mrs. Margaret Ann Spaargaren, Terry John Ferbrache, Jonathan Grenfell Hooley, Steven John Morris, and David James Mortimer, Esquires, Jurats.

The Bailiff, having this day placed before the Court an Order of Her Majesty in Council dated 4th May, 2016 approving and ratifying a Projet de Loi of the States of Guernsey entitled “The Inheritance (Amendment) (Guernsey) Law, 2016”, THE COURT, after the reading of the said Order in Council and after having heard Her Majesty’s Comptroller thereon, ORDERED that the said Order be registered on the records of this Island.

J. TORODE  
Her Majesty’s Greffier.



*At the Court at Buckingham Palace*

THE 4th DAY OF MAY 2016

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY  
IN COUNCIL

The following report from the Committee of Council for the Affairs of Jersey and Guernsey was today read at the Board:

“In accordance with Your Majesty’s General Order of Reference of 22nd February 1952 the Committee have considered a Petition of the States of Guernsey:

“That, in pursuance of their Resolution of 10th December 2015, the States of Deliberation at a meeting on 2nd March 2016 approved a *Projet de Loi* entitled the Inheritance (Amendment) (Guernsey) Law, 2016 and requested the Bailiff to present a most humble Petition to Your Majesty in Council praying for Your Royal Sanction to it. That the *Projet de Loi* is as set forth in the attached Schedule. The Petition most humbly prays that Your Majesty might be graciously pleased to sanction the Inheritance (Amendment) (Guernsey) Law, 2016 and to order that it shall have force of law in the Island of Guernsey.

“The Committee have considered the *Projet de Loi* and have agreed to report that it may be advisable for Your Majesty to approve and ratify it”.

Her Majesty, having taken the report into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve and ratify the *Projet de Loi* (a copy of which is annexed to this Order) and to order that it, together with this Order, shall have the force of law in the Island of Guernsey and shall be entered on the Register of the Island of Guernsey and observed accordingly.

Her Majesty’s Officers in the Bailiwick of Guernsey, and all others whom it may concern, are therefore to take notice of Her Majesty’s Order and to proceed accordingly.

*Ceri King*

# PROJET DE LOI

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## **The Inheritance (Amendment) (Guernsey) Law, 2016**

**THE STATES**, in pursuance of their Resolution of the 10th December, 2015<sup>a</sup>, have approved the following provisions which, subject to the Sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, shall have force of law in the Island of Guernsey.

### **Amendments to Law of 2011.**

1. The Inheritance (Guernsey) Law, 2011<sup>b</sup> is amended as follows -

(a) in section 30(1), the following additional entries shall be inserted in the appropriate positions -

""**marriage**"" shall be construed in accordance with subsection (1A)", and

""**spouse**"" means a party to a marriage and shall be construed in accordance with subsection (1A)", and

(b) immediately after section 30(1) the following additional subsection shall be inserted -

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<sup>a</sup> Article VIII of Billet d'État No. XXIII of 2015.

<sup>b</sup> Order in Council No. XIII of 2011.

"(1A) For the purposes of this Law, a marriage under the law of any country or territory is not prevented from being recognised only because it is the marriage of a same-sex couple, and "spouse" shall be interpreted accordingly."

**Citation.**

2. This Law may be cited as the Inheritance (Amendment) (Guernsey) Law, 2016.

**Commencement.**

3. This Law shall come into force on the date of its registration on the records of the Island of Guernsey.

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