

## 1987 No. 375

## EVIDENCE

**The Blood Tests (Evidence of Paternity) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987**

*Made* . . . . . 19th September 1987

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 2nd November 1987

*To be laid before Parliament*

The Secretary of State, in pursuance of Article 10 of the Family Law Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(a), hereby makes the following regulations:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the Blood Tests (Evidence of Paternity) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 2nd November 1987.

*Interpretation*

2. In these regulations the “1978 Regulations” means the Blood Tests (Evidence of Paternity) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978(b).

*Definition of sampler*

3. In regulation 2(1) of the 1978 Regulations (interpretation) under the definition of “sampler”, the words, “appointed by the Secretary of State under regulation 3 to take blood samples and”, shall be omitted.

*Revocation of regulation 3 of the 1978 Regulations*

4. Regulation 3 of the 1978 Regulations (medical practitioners to be appointed to take samples) is hereby revoked.

*Procedure where sampler nominated is unable to take the samples*

5. In regulation 9(1) the words, “appointed by the Secretary of State under regulation 3”, shall be omitted.

*Increase in charges payable to samplers and testers*

6. For Schedule 2 to the 1978 Regulations (charges made by samplers and testers) there shall be substituted the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

*Tom King*

Northern Ireland Office  
19th September 1987

One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State

(a) S.I. 1977/1250 (N.I. 17)

(b) S.R. 1978 No. 379 as amended by S.R. 1986 No. 301

## SCHEDULE

Regulation 6

## SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 13

**Charges made by Samplers and Testers**

## PART I

*Samplers*

The charges which may be made by a sampler in respect of one direction requesting him to take samples shall be as follows:—

*(The previous charge is shown in brackets)*

	£	£
For making all necessary arrangements (whether or not samples are taken) .....	11·60	(10·80)
For making further arrangements (whether or not samples are taken) to give effect to a variation by the court of a direction .....	11·60	(10·80)
For taking sample:—		
from first subject .....	11·60	(10·80)
from each subject after first .....	5·80	(5·40)
For taking second or subsequent samples from one or more subjects:—		
if one such sample .....	11·60	(10·80)
if two such samples .....	17·60	(16·20)
if three or more such samples .....	29·20	(27·00)

## PART II

*Testers*

The charges which may be made by a tester in respect of tests for the purpose of giving effect to one direction shall be as follows:—

*(The previous charge is shown in brackets)*

	£	£
For making a report in accordance with the direction and testing four or less samples .....	158·00	(146·00)
For testing each sample after the fourth covered by a report .....	31·60	(29·20)
For testing samples where no report is made:—		
in respect of the first sample .....	63·20	(58·40)
in respect of each subsequent sample .....	31·60	(29·20)

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

Part III of the Family Law Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 makes provision for the use of blood tests in determining paternity in civil proceedings. Under Article 8 of that Order the court may give a direction for the use of blood tests.

These Regulations amend the Blood Tests (Evidence of Paternity) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 (which prescribe the manner of giving effect to a direction under Article 8) so that any nominated registered medical practitioner may now take blood samples in pursuance of a direction.

The charges which may be payable to blood samplers and testers are also increased; these were last increased in November 1986 by The Blood Tests (Evidence of Paternity) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986 [S.R. 1986 No. 301].