

### SCHEDULE 3

#### Amendment of legislation relating to social security

##### **Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (General) Regulations**

22. In regulation 2(1) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995<sup>(1)</sup> (interpretation)—

(a) in the definition of “close relative”, for “or the spouse of any of the preceding persons or, if that person is one of an unmarried couple, the other member of that couple” there shall be substituted “or if any of the preceding persons is one member of a couple, the other member of that couple”;

(b) after the definition of “confinement” there shall be inserted the following definition—

““couple” means—

(a) a man and woman who are married to each other and are members of the same household;

(b) a man and woman who are not married to each other but are living together as husband and wife;

(c) two people of the same sex who are civil partners of each other and are members of the same household; or

(d) two people of the same sex who are not civil partners of each other but are living together as if they were civil partners,

and for the purposes of paragraph (d), two people of the same sex are to be regarded as living together as if they were civil partners if, but only if, they would be regarded as living together as husband and wife were they instead two people of the opposite sex;”;

(c) in the definition of “relative”<sup>(2)</sup>, for “a spouse or, in the case of an unmarried couple, the other member of that couple” there shall be substituted “the other member of a couple”.

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(1) S.R. 1995 No. 41; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1996 No. 601

(2) The definition of “relative” was inserted by regulation 4(2)(c) of S.R. 1996 No. 601