
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2015 No. 99

The Statutory Shared Parental Pay (Adoptions from Overseas) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

Modifications to the General Regulations for the purposes of adoptions from overseas

5.—(1) Regulation 2 (definitions) is modified as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1)—

(a) for the definition of “A” substitute—

““A”, in relation to C, means the person by whom C has been or is to be adopted;”;
and

(b) insert the following definitions in the appropriate places alphabetically—

““enter Northern Ireland” means enter Northern Ireland from outside the United Kingdom in connection with or for the purposes of adoption;”;

““official notification” means written notification, issued by or on behalf of the relevant central authority, that it is prepared to issue a certificate to the overseas authority concerned with the adoption of C, or that it has issued a certificate and sent it to that authority, confirming, in either case, that A is eligible to adopt, and has been assessed and approved as being a suitable adoptive parent;”;

““relevant central authority” means—

(a) in the case of an adopter to whom the Intercountry Adoption (Hague Convention) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003⁽¹⁾ apply and who is habitually resident in Northern Ireland, the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety; and

(b) in any other case, the Secretary of State.”.

(1) S.R. 2003 No. 16, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.