

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations name any Hebrew Congregation as a religious body for the purposes of the definition of “religious marriage” contained in section 3A of the Divorce (Scotland) Act 1976.

That section gives a court in a divorce action the power to postpone granting decree until any impediment has been removed which would prevent a party to the action from entering into a future religious marriage. The section defines “religious marriage” by reference to the marriage being solemnised by a marriage celebrant of a religious body prescribed in regulations.