EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision for the registration under part 5 of the Marriage Act 1949 ("the 1949 Act") of naval, military and air force chapels for the purposes of marriages of same sex couples. Regulation 3 provides for consultation prior to the making of such application. Regulation 4 sets out the matters to which the Secretary of State must have regard prior to the making of any application. Regulation 5 requires the Secretary of State to certify that the chapel is not consecrated by the Church of England.