### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

### 2000 No. 3233

## REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES ETC.

### NORTHERN IRELAND

# The Reporting of Suspicious Marriages (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000

Made - - - - 8th December 2000

Coming into force - - 1st January 2001

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 24(3) and 167(1) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999(1) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, after consulting the Registrar General in Northern Ireland, the Secretary of State hereby makes the following Regulations:—

### Citation, commencement and interpretation

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Reporting of Suspicious Marriages (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000 and shall come into force on 1st January 2001.
  - (2) In these Regulations—

"registrar" means a registrar or deputy registrar in Northern Ireland as referred to in subsection (1)(d) or (2)(a) of section 24 of the 1999 Act;

"the 1999 Act" means the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

### Reporting suspicious marriages

- **2.** For the purposes of section 24 of the 1999 Act (reporting suspicious marriages) a registrar shall—
  - (a) report his suspicions to the Secretary of State by making a report in writing or other permanent form giving the information and evidence specified in the Schedule to these Regulations, and
  - (b) forward that report to the Secretary of State at the Home Office Immigration and Nationality Directorate, INDIS, Status 3, Status Park, Nobel Drive, Harlington UB3 5EY,

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or such other address for that purpose as the Secretary of State may from time to time notify to the registrar.

Northern Ireland Office 8th December 2000 Jack Straw
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of
State

#### **SCHEDULE**

Regulation 2

Information to be provided when reporting a suspicious marriage

Name and surname of each party to the marriage

Date of birth and age of each party to the marriage

Marital status of each party to the marriage

Address of each party to the marriage

Nationality of each party to the marriage

Date of marriage

Place of marriage

Time of marriage

Nature of evidence produced in respect of the

- (i) identity
- (ii) marital status
- (iii) nationality

of the parties to the marriage

Reason for making the report

Full name of registrar making the report

Date report made

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations set out the procedure for registrars in Northern Ireland for reporting certain marriages to the Secretary of State for the Home Office where the registrar suspects that the marriage is to be or has been entered into for immigration purposes.