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**The Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises)
(Amendment) Regulations 2013**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>9th September 2013</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>12th September 2013</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>7th October 2013</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 6A(1), (2)(b), (2B), (2C) and 258(2) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004(a), and section 46A(1) and (2) of the Marriage Act 1949(b), and now vested in her(c), makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.

(2) They come into force on 7th October 2013.

(3) In these Regulations, the “2005 Regulations” means the Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005(d).

(4) These Regulations apply to an application for approval received by an authority on or after the day on which they come into force.

(5) In paragraph (4), “application for approval” and “authority” have the same meaning as in the 2005 Regulations.

Amendments to the 2005 Regulations

2.—(1) The 2005 Regulations are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 4(1)(a)(e) (public consultation): for “fully” substitute “finally”.

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- (a) 2004 c.33; section 6A was inserted by article 3 of, and paragraph 3 of the Schedule to, the Civil Partnership (Amendments to Registration Provisions) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/2000); subsections 2B and 2C were inserted by section 202(3) of the Equality Act 2010 (c. 15).
- (b) 1949 c.76; s46A was inserted by section 1 of the Marriage Act 1994 (c. 34); subsection (3) was amended by section 3 of the City of London (Approved Premises for Marriage) Act 1996 (c. 4).
- (c) The functions previously conferred on the Chancellor of the Exchequer in section 6A(1) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c.33), and section 46A(1) Marriage Act 1949 (c. 76), were transferred to the Secretary of State by article 3 of, and paragraphs 14 and 5 respectively of Schedule 1 to, the Transfer of Functions (Registration) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/678).
- (d) S.I. 2005/3168, amended by S.I. 2011/2661.
- (e) Regulation 4(1) and (1A) were substituted for regulation 4(1) by regulation 2(6)(a) of S.I. 2011/2661.

(3) Above the entry for the Society of Friends in the table in Schedule A1(a) (persons who must consent to an application for approval of religious premises)—

- (a) in the first column of the table, insert “Place of meeting for religious worship of the United Reformed Church”, and
- (b) in the second column of the table, insert “General Assembly of the United Reformed Church”.

Home Office
9th September 2013

Mark Harper
Minister of State

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make two amendments to the Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005, as follows.

Regulation 4 is amended to correct an error in the drafting of the Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) (Amendment) Regulations 2011, which referred to applications being “fully” instead of “finally” determined. The latter wording was used in the 2005 Regulations prior to their amendment, and should have been maintained.

The table of persons who must consent to an application for approval of certain types of religious premises, at Schedule A1 to the 2005 Regulations, is amended to add the United Reformed Church.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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(a) Schedule A1 was inserted by regulation 2(14), and Schedule 1 to, S.I. 2011/2661.

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