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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 371**

**The Immigration Act 2014 (Commencement No. 4, Transitional and Saving Provisions and Amendment) Order 2015**

**PART 1**

**Introduction and days appointed**

**Provisions relating to marriage and civil partnership coming into force on 1st and 2nd March 2015**

**2.—(1)** The day appointed for the coming into force of the following provisions of the Act is 1st March 2015—

- (a) section 48 (decision whether to investigate)<sup>(1)</sup>;
- (b) section 49 (exempt persons), for all remaining purposes;
- (c) section 50 (conduct of investigation), for all remaining purposes<sup>(2)</sup>;
- (d) section 51 (investigations: supplementary), for all remaining purposes;
- (e) section 52 (referral of proposed marriages and civil partnerships in England and Wales), for all remaining purposes;
- (f) Schedule 4 (referral of proposed marriages and civil partnerships in England and Wales), for all remaining purposes;
- (g) section 53 (extension of scheme to Scotland and Northern Ireland), for all remaining purposes;
- (h) subsections (1) and (8) of section 54 (provision supplementing section 53), for all remaining purposes;
- (i) section 55 (meaning of “sham marriage” and “sham civil partnership”);
- (j) section 58 (requirement as to giving of notice of marriage or civil partnership);
- (k) section 73(6) (transitional and consequential provision) so far as necessary for the purpose of sub-paragraph (l);
- (l) paragraph 66 of Schedule 9 (transitional provision relating to marriage and civil partnership).

(2) The day appointed for the coming into force of section 57 of the Act (solemnization of marriage according to rites of Church of England) is 2nd March 2015.

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(1) Subject to Parliamentary approval, section 48 of the Immigration Act 2014 will be amended with effect from 1st March 2015 by the Referral and Investigation of Proposed Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (“Northern Ireland Order”) and the Referral and Investigation of Proposed Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Scotland) Order 2015 (“Scotland Order”).

(2) Subject to Parliamentary approval, section 50(11) will be amended by the Northern Ireland Order and the Scotland Order.