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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 1514**

**The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership  
(Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019**

**PART 3**

**Civil Partnership: Opposite-sex Couples**

**Treatment of opposite-sex overseas relationships as civil partnerships**

**18.** In article 4 of the Civil Partnership (Registration Abroad and Certificates) Order 2005<sup>(1)</sup> (registration abroad by registration officer), after paragraph (4A) insert—

“(4AA) If the relevant part of the United Kingdom is Northern Ireland, a country or territory is treated by paragraph (4) as having sufficient facilities only if—

- (a) in the case of proposed civil partners who are of the same sex under the law of that country or territory, the country or territory is listed in Part 1 of Schedule 20 to the Act (as it forms part of the law of Northern Ireland);
- (b) in the case of proposed civil partners who are of the opposite sex under that law, the country or territory is listed in Part 2 of that Schedule.”.

**Commencement Information**

**11** Reg. 18 in force at 13.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

**12** Reg. 17 in force at 13.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

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<sup>(1)</sup> [S.I. 2005/2761](#); article 4 was amended by [S.I. 2012/3063](#), and article 4(4A) is inserted by regulation 38 of [S.I. 2019/1458](#).

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership (Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019, Section 18.