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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 1143**

**CIVIL PARTNERSHIP, NORTHERN IRELAND  
MARRIAGE, NORTHERN IRELAND**

The Marriage and Civil Partnership  
(Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Regulations 2020

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**THE MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP  
(NORTHERN IRELAND) (NO. 2) REGULATIONS 2020**

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