

SCHEDULES

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TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND SAVINGS

Fostering agencies

1. The Department may by regulations provide that, if prescribed requirements are satisfied, Article 12 shall apply, during the prescribed period, to a person running a fostering agency who has made an application for registration under Article 13(1) as if that person were unconditionally registered under Part III.

Voluntary adoption agencies

2.—(1) Where a body is, before the commencement of Article 14, registered under Article 4 of the [Adoption \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1987 \(NI 22\)](#) (registration of adoption societies), Part III shall, if prescribed requirements are satisfied, have effect after that commencement as if any person carrying on or managing the body were registered under Part III in respect of it, either—

- (a) unconditionally; or
- (b) subject to such conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) Any application made before the commencement of Article 13 for registration under Article 4 of the [Adoption \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1987](#) shall be treated after that commencement as an application made under Article 13(1) to the Regulation and Improvement Authority for registration under Part III.

(3) The Department may by order subject to negative resolution make such further transitional provision in relation to the repeal by this Order of provisions of the [Adoption \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1987](#) as it considers appropriate.

Saving for amendments

3. The amendments made by paragraphs 2, 3(3) and (4) and 5 of Schedule 1 to the [Registered Homes \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1992 \(NI 20\)](#) shall continue to have effect notwithstanding the repeal of those paragraphs by this Order, but subject to any further amendments made by this Order.