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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2016 No. 355**

The Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (2003 Order) (Commencement No.6 and Transitional Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

**Transitional Provisions**

3.—(1) This Article applies to persons who, by virtue of the provisions of the 2003 Order are required to be registered, in respect of a fostering agency, under Part III of that Order but who immediately prior to 3 October 2016 were not required to be so registered.

(2) Where paragraph (1) applies, a person who immediately prior to 3 October 2016 was carrying on or managing a fostering agency may continue to manage the agency—

- (a) during a period of 6 months beginning on and including 3 October 2016; and
- (b) if within that period an application is made to the RQIA for registration under Part III of the 2003 Order, until that application is finally disposed of or withdrawn.

(3) Where paragraph (2) applies, Article 12 (1), (4), and (5) of the 2003 Order shall not apply to such a person.

(4) In this Article, “finally disposed of” means the date 28 days following the grant or refusal of registration and, if an appeal is made, the date when the appeal is finally determined or abandoned.