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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 414**

**The Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2020  
(Commencement No. 1 and Interim Recognition  
of Different Sex Relationships) Regulations 2020**

**Provisions coming into force on 1 February 2021**

- 2.—(1) 1 February 2021 is the day appointed for the coming into force of—
- (a) section 1 (different sex civil partnerships), section 2 and schedule 1 (recognition of overseas different sex relationships), but only for the purposes mentioned in paragraph (2) of this regulation,
  - (b) section 3 (interim recognition of different sex relationships formed outwith Scotland), and
  - (c) section 11 (postponement of decree of dissolution where religious impediment to marry exists), but only for the purpose of enabling the Scottish Ministers to make regulations under section 121A(7) of the 2004 Act<sup>(1)</sup>.
- (2) The purposes are the purposes of—
- (a) section 3, and
  - (b) the following provisions of the 2004 Act—
    - (i) section 1(3)(a) (ending of civil partnership),
    - (ii) Chapter 5 of Part 3 (dissolution, separation and nullity)<sup>(2)</sup>, and
    - (iii) Chapter 3 of Part 5 (dissolution etc.: jurisdiction and recognition)<sup>(3)</sup>.

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(1) Section 121A is inserted by section 11(2) of the Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2020.  
(2) Chapter 5 of Part 3 has been amended by paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 of schedule 1, and schedule 3 of the Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006 ([asp 2](#)), by section 52(7) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 ([asp 14](#)), and by paragraph 3 of the schedule of the Succession (Scotland) Act 2016 ([asp 7](#)).  
(3) Chapter 3 of Part 5, in so far as relevant to Scotland, has been amended by paragraph 16 of schedule 7 of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments (Maintenance) Regulations 2011 ([S.I. 2011/1484](#)).