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**The Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003**

*Religious marriages*

**Solemnisation of religious marriage**

- 15.**—(1) A religious marriage shall not be solemnised by an officiant unless—
- (a) the parties in person have produced to him before the marriage ceremony a marriage schedule in respect of the marriage issued in accordance with Article 7;
  - (b) both parties to the marriage are present; and
  - (c) two persons professing to be 16 or over are present as witnesses.
- (2) An officiant shall not solemnise a religious marriage except in accordance with a form of ceremony which—
- (a) is recognised by the religious body of which he is a member; and
  - (b) includes and is in no way inconsistent with an appropriate declaration within the meaning of Article 10(3).