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**2006 No. 928 (C. 25)**

**CIVIL PARTNERSHIP, NORTHERN IRELAND**

The Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Commencement  
No. 4) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

Made - - - - 27th March 2006

The Department of Finance and Personnel, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 263 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004<sup>(1)</sup>, and after having consulted the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs, makes the following Order:

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Commencement No. 4) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

**Provisions coming into force**

2. The following provisions of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 shall come into force on 6th April 2006—

- (a) Schedule 15, Part 6; and
- (b) Schedule 17, paragraph 10(4)(b), (5)(b) and (9)(c).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 27th March 2006.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force on 6th April 2006 Part 6 of Schedule 15 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33) (“the Act”). Part 6 provides for the court to have regard to pension protection fund compensation when considering the question of financial relief on the dissolution or annulment of a civil partnership or on the legal separation of civil partners. It also brings into force certain provisions of Schedule 17 to the Act which make similar provision where a civil partnership is dissolved or annulled or civil partners have been legally separated overseas and an application for financial relief is made in Northern Ireland.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument. A regulatory impact assessment identifying the impact on business and the exchequer of the provisions in the Act was published at the time the Act received Royal Assent. It is available from <http://www.dti.gsi.uk/access/ria/index.htm>.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The following provisions of the Act came into force on Royal Assent on 18th November 2004: sections 213(2) to (6), 247(2) to (7), 248(2) to (5), 254(2) to (6), 255, 258, 259, 260, 262, 263 and 264. The following provisions of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 have been brought into force in Northern Ireland by commencement orders made before the date of this Order:

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
s. 1	5.12.2005	<a href="#">2005/3175(2)</a>
ss. 137 and 138	5.12.2005	<a href="#">2005/3255(3)</a>
s. 139(2) and (3) (partially)	5.9.2005	<a href="#">2005/2399(4)</a>
s. 139 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	<a href="#">2005/3255</a>
s. 140(1)(a) (partially)	5.9.2005	<a href="#">2005/2399</a>
s. 140 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	<a href="#">2005/3255</a>
ss. 141 and 142	5.12.2005	<a href="#">2005/3255</a>
s. 143 (partially)	5.9.2005	<a href="#">2005/2399</a>
s. 143 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	<a href="#">2005/3255</a>
s. 144(4) and (6) (partially)	5.9.2005	<a href="#">2005/2399</a>

(2) The Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2005 (S.I. [2005/3175 \(C. 136\)](#)).

(3) The Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Commencement No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (S.I. [2005/3255 \(C. 139\)](#)).

(4) The Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Commencement No. 1) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (S.I. [2005/2399 \(C. 99\)](#)).

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s. 144 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
s. 145(3) (partially)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
s. 145 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
s. 146	5.12.2005	2005/3255
s. 147(1) (partially)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
s. 147 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
s. 148	5.12.2005	2005/3255
s. 149(2)(a) (partially)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
s. 149 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
ss. 150 and 151	5.12.2005	2005/3255
s. 152(5)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
s. 152 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
ss. 153 and 154	5.12.2005	2005/3255
s. 155(3) (partially)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
s. 155 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
s. 156(1) and (3) (partially)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
s. 156 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
s. 157	5.9.2005	2005/2399
s. 158	5.12.2005	2005/3255
ss. 159 and 160	5.9.2005	2005/2399
ss. 161 to 168	5.12.2005	2005/3255
s. 169(3) and (4)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
s. 169 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
ss. 170 to 183	5.12.2005	2005/3255
s. 184(1) (partially)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
s. 184(2), (6) and (8)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
s. 184 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
ss. 185 and 186	5.12.2005	2005/3255

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s. 187(1) and (2)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
s. 187 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
s. 188	5.9.2005	2005/2399
s. 189(1)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
s. 189(2) (partially)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
s. 189 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
s. 190(2), (3) and (4) (partially)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
s. 190 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
s. 191(3) (partially)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
s. 191 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
ss. 192 to 209	5.12.2005	2005/3255
s. 210(1), (2), (4) and (5)	15.4.2005	2005/1112(5)
s. 210(3)	5.12.2005	2005/3175
s. 211	15.4.2005	2005/1112
s. 212	5.12.2005	2005/3175
s. 213(1)	5.12.2005	2005/3175
ss. 214 to 218	5.12.2005	2005/3175
s. 219	15.4.2005	2005/1112
s. 228 (partially)	15.4.2005	2005/1112
s. 228 (in so far as it is not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3175
ss. 229 and 230	5.12.2005	2005/3175
s. 231	15.4.2005	2005/1112
ss. 232 to 236	5.12.2005	2005/3175
s. 237(1) and (6)	5.12.2005	2005/3175
s. 237(2) to (5)	15.4.2005	2005/1112
s. 238	5.12.2005	2005/3175
ss. 239 to 244	15.4.2005	2005/1112
s. 245 (partially)	15.4.2005	2005/1112
s. 245 (in so far as it is not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3175

(5) The Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/1112 (C. 47)).

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ss. 246 and 247(1)	5.12.2005	2005/3175
s. 249	5.12.2005	2005/3175
s. 250	5.12.2005	2005/3175
s. 252	5.12.2005	2005/3255
s. 253	5.12.2005	2005/3175
s. 254(1) (partially)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
ss. 256 and 257	5.12.2005	2005/3175
s. 261(3)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
s. 261(4) (in so far as relating to any provision which extends only to Northern Ireland)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
Schedule 12 (except paragraph 3)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
Schedule 13 paragraph 6 (partially)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
Schedule 13 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
Schedule 14	5.12.2005	2005/3255
Schedule 15 paragraphs 10(2), 14(2), (3) and (4), 22(c), 23 and 24(2) and (3) (partially)	7.11.2005	2005/3058(6)
Schedule 15 paragraph 41(2) (partially)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
Schedule 15 paragraph 41(3)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
Schedule 15 paragraphs 50(3), (4) and (5) and 75(4) (partially)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
Schedule 15 (in so far as not already in force, except Part 6)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
Schedule 16 paragraphs 10 and 11(2) (partially)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
Schedule 16 (in so far as not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
Schedule 17 paragraphs 2(3), 4(1) and 12(1) and (5) (partially)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
Schedule 17 paragraphs 14(4), (5) and (6)	5.9.2005	2005/2399

(6) The Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Commencement No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005 No. 3058 (C. 132)).

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Schedule 17 (in so far as not already in force, except paragraph 10(4)(b), (5)(b) and (9)(c))	5.12.2005	2005/3255
Schedules 18 and 19	5.12.2005	2005/3255
Schedules 20 and 21	5.12.2005	2005/3175
Schedule 22 (except paragraph 19)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
Schedule 23 paragraphs 2(1) and (3), 13, 15(1) and (3), 16(3)(a) and 17 (partially)	15.4.2005	2005/1112
Schedule 23 (in so far as it is not already in force and in so far as it extends to Northern Ireland)	5.12.2005	2005/3175
Schedule 24 (except paragraphs 1 to 6, 13 to 66, 86, 88, 100 to 101, 118 to 127 and 138 to 147)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
Schedule 25	5.12.2005	2005/3175
Schedule 26 paragraphs 4, 5, 8 and 17 (partially)	15.4.2005	2005/1112
Schedule 26 (in so far as it is not already in force)	5.12.2005	2005/3175
Schedule 27 paragraph 12	15.4.2005	2005/1112
Schedule 27 paragraphs 21 and 162 (partially)	15.4.2005	2005/1112
Schedule 27 paragraph 163	15.4.2005	2005/1112
Schedule 27 (in so far as it is not already in force and in so far as it extends to Northern Ireland)	5.12.2005	2005/3175
Schedule 29 paragraph 94 (partially)	5.9.2005	2005/2399
Schedule 29 paragraph 64(3) (partially)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
Schedule 29 (in so far as not already in force except paragraphs 64(6), 64(7) and 93)	5.12.2005	2005/3255
Schedule 30 (in so far as relating to any provision which	5.12.2005	2005/3255

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