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**2019 No. 1514**

**The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership  
(Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019**

**PART 9**

**Amendments: Other Primary Legislation**

**Administration of Estates Act (Northern Ireland) 1955**

**126.**—(1) Section 7 of the Administration of Estates Act (Northern Ireland) 1955<sup>(1)</sup> (rights of surviving spouse or civil partner) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (7)<sup>(2)</sup>—

- (a) omit “, or Article 20(2) of the Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978,”;
- (b) after “2004” insert “, or of Article 20(2) of the Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978”.

(3) The amendments made by paragraph (2) apply only in relation to decrees of judicial separation granted in respect of marriages that are entered into on or after 13th January 2020.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 1955 c.24 (N.I.).

<sup>(2)</sup> Subsection (7) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/1045 (N.I.15)).