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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 1514**

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

**PART 3**

**Civil Partnership: Opposite-sex Couples**

**Extension of civil partnership to opposite-sex couples**

**16.**—(1) The Civil Partnership Act 2004 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 1(1) (definition of civil partnership), in the words before paragraph (a), omit “of the same sex”.

(3) In section 138(1) (conditions for eligibility to register civil partnership in Northern Ireland), omit paragraph (a) (parties must be of the same sex).

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Reg. 16 in force at 13.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership (Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019, Section 16.