
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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

Treatment of opposite-sex overseas relationships as civil partnerships

19.—(1) Regulation 3 of the Civil Partnership (Supplementary Provisions relating to the Recognition of Overseas Dissolutions, Annulments or Legal Separations) (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2005(1) is amended as follows.

(2) In the heading, for “between two people of the same sex” substitute “of the sort in question”.

(3) In paragraph (2), in the inserted subsection (1A)(c), for “legal relationships between people of the same sex” substitute “the relevant sort of relationship”.

(4) In paragraph (3), in the inserted subsection (2A)(b), for “legal relationships between people of the same sex” substitute “the relevant sort of relationship”.

(5) After paragraph (3) insert—

“(4) After subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) In this section references to “the relevant sort of relationship” are to the sort of relationship that the civil partnership in question is, and include—

(a) in the case of a relationship between two persons who are of the same sex under the relevant law, reference to that sort of relationship whether generally or between two persons of the same sex;

(b) in the case of a relationship between two persons who are of the opposite sex under the relevant law, reference to that sort of relationship whether generally or between two persons of the opposite sex.

(3B) In subsection (3A), “the relevant law” means the law in relation to which the question of recognition arises under subsection (1A)(c) or (as the case may be) (2A)(b).”.

Commencement Information

11 Reg. 19 in force at 13.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

12 Reg. 17 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 19.