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**2019 No. 1514**

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

**PART 6**

**Amendments: Pensions and Social Security: Primary Legislation**

**State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002**

**71.** In section 17 of the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002<sup>(1)</sup> (interpretation)—

(a) in subsection (1), for the definition of “couple” substitute—

““couple” means—

- (a) two people who are married to, or civil partners of, each other and are members of the same household, or
- (b) two people who are not married to, or civil partners of, each other but are living together as if spouses of each other otherwise than in prescribed circumstances;” and

(b) omit subsection (1A).

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<sup>(1)</sup> [2002 c.14 \(N.I.\)](#). The definition of “couple” in section 17(1), and section 17(1A), were inserted by paragraphs 150 and 151 of Schedule 24 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004.