
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1514

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

PART 4

Amendments: Children and Families

Adoption

32.—(1) The Intercountry Adoption (Hague Convention) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003⁽¹⁾ are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2 (interpretation)—

(a) after the definition of “contact order” insert—

““couple” has the same meaning as in the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (see Article 2 of that Order);”;

(b) in the definition of “prospective adopter”, omit “married”.

(3) In regulation 3 (application for determination of eligibility, and assessment of suitability, to adopt), in paragraph (1), omit “married”.

(4) In regulation 4 (eligibility requirements and requirement to notify), in paragraph (1), omit “married” in both places.

(5) In regulation 10 (procedure following receipt of the Article 16 report), in paragraph (3)(b), omit “married”.

(6) In regulation 19 (prescribed requirements for the purposes of making a Convention adoption order), in paragraph (1)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a)—

(i) for “spouses” substitute “of the couple”;

(ii) omit “married”;

(b) in paragraph (d)—

(i) for “spouses” substitute “couple”;

(ii) omit “married”.

(7) In regulation 29 (preparation of the Article 16 report for RSCA), in paragraph (7), omit “married”.

(8) In regulation 30 (prescribed requirements for the purposes of making a Convention adoption order), in paragraph (a)—

(a) for “spouses” substitute “of the couple”;

(b) omit “married”.

⁽¹⁾ S.R. (N.I.) 2003 No. 16.

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 32. (See end of Document for details)*

Commencement Information

- I1** Reg. 32 in force at 13.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)
- I2** Reg. 29 in force at 13.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

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