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**2005 No.**

**The Suitability of Adopters Regulations 2005**

**Determining the suitability to adopt a child**

4.—(1) Subject to regulation 5 of these Regulations, in determining the suitability of any person to adopt a child in accordance with regulation 27 (adoption agency decision and notification), the matters to be taken into account by an adoption agency are—

- (a) the prospective adopter's report prepared in accordance with regulation 25(5);
- (b) the written report obtained in accordance with regulation 25(3)(a) (medical report);
- (c) the written report of each of the interviews in accordance with regulation 25(3)(b) (personal references);
- (d) the recommendation of the adoption panel made in accordance with regulation 26(1);
- (e) any other relevant information obtained by the adoption agency as a consequence of regulation 26(2)(b); and
- (f) in a case of a person falling within regulation 12 of the Foreign Element Regulations, any additional information obtained as a consequence of Chapter 1 of Part 3 of those Regulations.

(2) An adoption agency shall, in determining the suitability of a couple to adopt a child, have proper regard to the need for stability and permanence in their relationship.