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**REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS,
MARRIAGES, ETC. ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Marriages (Approved Premises) (Amendment)
Regulations 2003**

<i>Made</i> - - - - -	<i>30th July 2003</i>
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<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>31st July 2003</i>

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 46A of the Marriage Act 1949(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Marriages (Approved Premises) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 and shall come into force on 31st July 2003.

(2) In these regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the Marriages (Approved Premises) Regulations 1995(b).

Amendment of regulation 7 of the principal Regulations

2.—(1) In regulation 7(1) of the principal Regulations (expiry and renewal of approval) replace “paragraph (5)” with “paragraphs (5) and (6)”.

(2) In regulation 7(3) of the principal Regulations delete “less than six months nor”.

(3) After regulation 7(5) of the principal Regulations, insert the following—

“(6) Where the holder fails to apply for the renewal of approval and the approval expires in consequence of his failure, an application for renewal made in accordance with paragraph (4) and within one month of the expiry shall reinstate the approval and an approval so reinstated shall continue in effect until such time as the application is finally determined or withdrawn.”.

Signed by authority of the Chancellor of the Exchequer

30th July 2003

John Healey
Economic Secretary to the Treasury

(a) 1949 c. 76. Section 46A was inserted by section 1(2) of the Marriage Act 1994 (c. 34). The power to make regulations in section 46A(1) was transferred to the Chancellor of the Exchequer by article 3(1) and paragraph 7(a) of Schedule 1 to the Transfer of Functions (Registration and Statistics) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/273).

(b) S.I. 1995/510.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These regulations amend the Marriages (Approved Premises) Regulations 1995 to permit an application for the renewal of approval of premises for the solemnization of marriages at any time during the last twelve months of the approval and within a month of the expiry of the previous approval. In the latter case the expired approval is reinstated until the application is either determined or withdrawn.

These regulations impose no costs on business.

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