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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No. 3542**

**The Civil Partnership Act 2004 (International Immunities and Privileges, Companies and Adoption) Order 2005**

**Amendment of the Companies Act 1985**

**3.—(1)** In section 153(4)(bb) of the Companies Act 1985<sup>(1)</sup> (share transactions not prohibited by bar on financial assistance), for “wives, husbands, widows, widowers” substitute “spouses, civil partners, surviving spouses, surviving civil partners”.

(2) In section 743(b) of the Companies Act 1985 (definition of “employees' share scheme”), for “wives, husbands, widows, widowers” substitute “spouses, civil partners, surviving spouses, surviving civil partners”.

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(1) 1985 c. 6. Paragraph (bb) was inserted into section 153(4) by section 196 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (c. 60) and amended by paragraph 33 of Schedule 18 to the Companies Act 1989 (c. 40).