

### SCHEDULE 3

#### Amendments to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 and the Civil Partnership Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

### PART 2

- 9.** The Civil Partnership Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005<sup>(1)</sup> are amended as follows.
- 10.** In regulation 3 (civil partnership notice)<sup>(2)</sup>—
- (a) in paragraph (2)(b), at the beginning, insert “subject to paragraph (3),”;
  - (b) after paragraph (2) insert—
    - “(3) Unless paragraph (4) applies, if a proposed civil partnership is referred to the Secretary of State under section 139E of the Act (“the referred civil partnership”) the Registrar General may only authorise the registrar to reduce the period of 28 days notice mentioned in paragraph (2)(b) with the consent of Secretary of State.
    - (4) This paragraph applies if the request is made because a party to the referred civil partnership is gravely ill and not expected to recover.”
- 11.** In regulation 6 (civil partnership schedule), which becomes paragraph (1), after paragraph (1) insert—
  - “(2) Where a civil partnership schedule is cancelled under section 143A of the Act, the registrar shall inform both parties to the proposed civil partnership.”

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<sup>(1)</sup> [S.R.\(NI\) 2005 No. 482](#).

<sup>(2)</sup> Regulation 3(2) is amended by [S.I. 2014/297 \(N.I.\)](#) with effect from 2 March 2015 so as to increase the required period referred to in that paragraph from at least 14 days before the date of intended civil partnership to at least 28 days.