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**CIVIL PARTNERSHIP, NORTHERN IRELAND  
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**The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership  
(Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019**

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**THE MARRIAGE (SAME-SEX COUPLES) AND  
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (OPPOSITE-SEX COUPLES)  
(NORTHERN IRELAND) REGULATIONS 2019**

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