
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1514

**The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership
(Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019**

PART 11

Transitional Provision: Opposite-sex Civil Partnerships: Overseas Relationships

Requirements for existing overseas relationship to be recognised as civil partnership

173.—(1) Paragraph (2) applies in relation to a relationship that would, disregarding—

- (a) this regulation, and
- (b) section 212(1)(b)(ii) of CPA 2004 as it applies without this regulation,

be a relevant pre-commencement relationship.

(2) Section 212(1)(b) of CPA 2004 has effect as if, for sub-paragraph (ii), there were substituted—

“(ii) neither of whom was, when the relationship was registered—

- (aa) lawfully married,
- (bb) a civil partner, or
- (cc) in another relationship registered as mentioned above, which continues to subsist at the start of 13 January 2020 and is at that time an overseas relationship treated as a civil partnership for the purposes of this Act,

(iii) neither of whom is, immediately before 13 January 2020, lawfully married or a civil partner.”.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 173 in force at 13.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership (Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019, Section 173.