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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 1514**

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

**PART 4**

**Amendments: Children and Families**

**Child abduction**

**34.**—(1) The Child Abduction (Northern Ireland) Order 1985<sup>(1)</sup> is amended as follows.

(2) In Article 2(2)(d)<sup>(2)</sup> (interpretation of references to children and parents), after “married to” insert “, or civil partners of,”.

(3) In Article 3(2)(b)<sup>(3)</sup> (“connected person” includes person believed to be father of a child born to unmarried parents), after “married to” insert “, or civil partners of,”.

(4) In Article 4—

(a) in paragraph (2)(a) and (b)<sup>(4)</sup> (meaning of “parent” etc), after “married to” insert “, or civil partners of,”;

(b) in paragraph (3)(a) (defences), after “married to” insert “, or civil partners of,”.

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(1) [S.I. 1985/1638 \(N.I. 17\)](#).

(2) Article 2(2)(d) was inserted by paragraph 120 Schedule 9 to the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

(3) Article 3(2)(b) was substituted by paragraph 121(3) of Schedule 9 to the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

(4) Article 4(2) and (3) were substituted by paragraph 122(3) of Schedule 9 to the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.