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**The Marriage and Civil Partnership
(Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Regulations 2020**

PART 5

Conversion abroad of Marriage into Civil Partnership: Armed Forces

Interpretation of Part 5

26. In this Part—

- (a) “authorised person”, in relation to a conversion under this Part in a country or territory outside the United Kingdom, means a person authorised by the commanding officer of any of Her Majesty’s forces in that country or territory to conduct that conversion or conversions under this Part generally, but a chaplain serving in any of Her Majesty’s forces cannot be an authorised person for the purposes of this Part;
- (b) “conversion declaration” has the meaning given by regulation 30;
- (c) “Her Majesty’s forces” do not include any force of a country, other than the United Kingdom, that is a member of the Commonwealth;
- (d) “relevant civilian” means a civilian subject to service discipline (within the meaning of the Armed Forces Act 2006⁽¹⁾) who performs in support of Her Majesty’s forces any of the following functions: administrative, executive, judicial, clerical, typing, duplicating, machine operating, paper keeping, managerial, professional, scientific, experimental, technical, industrial or labouring functions;
- (e) a reference to a country or territory includes (except in paragraph (c)) a reference to the waters of a country or territory;
- (f) a reference to Her Majesty’s forces serving in a country or territory includes a reference to such forces serving in a ship in the waters of a country or territory;
- (g) a reference to a relevant civilian employed in a country or territory includes a reference to such a civilian employed in a ship in the waters of a country or territory.

⁽¹⁾ 2006 c. 52. See section 370 and Schedule 15.