
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1514

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

PART 4

Amendments: Children and Families

Legitimacy

25.—(1) Article 155 of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995⁽¹⁾ (parents not being married to each other to have no effect in law on relationships) is amended as follows.

(2) In the heading, after “married to” insert “, or civil partners of,”.

(3) In paragraph (2), after “married to”, in both places it occurs, insert “, or civil partners of,”.

(4) In paragraph (3)(a), after “section 1” insert “or 2”.

(5) Omit paragraphs (4A) to (4D).

(6) Before paragraph (5) insert—

“(4E) Paragraph (4F) applies to a person—

(a) who was born before 13th January 2020,

(b) whose parents had formed a civil partnership before that date, and

(c) who does not fall within paragraph (3)(ba) or (bb).

(4F) A reference falling within paragraph (2)(a) or (b) does not include or (as the case may be) exclude the person by virtue of that civil partnership.”.

Commencement Information

I1 Reg. 25 in force at 13.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

I2 Reg. 23 in force at 13.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

(1) *S.I. 1995/755 (N.I. 2)*. In Article 155, subsections (3)(ba) and (bb) and (4A) to (4D) were inserted by paragraph 75 of Schedule 6 to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008.

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 25.