Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 36(6) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2005 No.

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP

The Civil Partnership (Amendments to Registration Provisions) Order 2005

Made - - - -	*[.... 2005]*
	in accordance with
Coming into force - -	*article 1(2) and (3)*

Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament;

Now therefore in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 35(1) and 258(3) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004(**1**), the Chancellor of the Exchequer hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Civil Partnership (Amendments to Registration Provisions) Order 2005.

(2) The following provisions of this Order come into force on the day after the day on which it is made—

(a) this article ;

(b) article 2;

(c) paragraphs 3, 12, 13 and 17 of the Schedule;

(d) article 3 so far as it relates to those paragraphs.

(3) Subject to paragraph (2), this Order comes into force on 5 December 2005.

Extent

2. Any amendment or repeal made by this Order has the same extent as the provision subject to the amendment or repeal.

(**1**) 2004 c.33.

Amendments to enactments

3. The Schedule to this Order contains amendments to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 which shall have effect.

Signed by Authority of the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Name
Financial Secretary to the Treasury
Date Department

SCHEDULE

Article 3

AMENDMENTS TO THE CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

1. The Civil Partnership Act 2004 is amended as follows.

2.—(1) Section 6 (place of registration) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsection (3) substitute—

"(3) Subsections (3A) and (3B) apply in the case of registration under the standard procedure (including that procedure modified as mentioned in section 5).

(3A) The place must be—

(a) on approved premises, or

(b) in a register office.

(3B) If it is in a register office, the place must be open to any person wishing to attend the registration.

(3C) In this Chapter "register office" means a register office provided under section 10 of the Registration Service Act 1953(**2**).".

(3) Subsections (4) and (5) are omitted.

3. After section 6 insert—

"**Power to approve premises**

6A.—(1) The Chancellor of the Exchequer may by regulations make provision for and in connection with the approval by registration authorities of premises for the purposes of section 6(3A)(a).

(2) The matters dealt with by regulations may include—

(a) the kind of premises in respect of which approvals may be granted;

(b) the procedure to be followed in relation to applications for approval;

(c) the considerations to be taken into account by a registration authority in determining whether to approve any premises;

(d) the duration and renewal of approvals;

(e) the conditions that must or may be imposed by a registration authority on granting or renewing an approval;

(f) the determination and charging by registration authorities of fees in respect of applications for the approval of premises and in respect of the renewal of approvals;

(g) the circumstances in which a registration authority must or may revoke an approval;

(h) the review of any decision to refuse an approval or the renewal of an approval, to impose conditions on granting or renewing an approval or to revoke an approval;

(i) the notification to the Registrar General of all approvals granted, renewed or revoked;

(j) the keeping by registration authorities of registers of approved premises;

(**2**) 1953 c.37.