Draft Regulations laid before Parliament under section 52(8) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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2005 No.

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Inherited SERPS) (Amendments relating to Civil Partnership) Regulations 2005

Made - - - -	*2005*
Coming into force - -	*5th December 2005*

Whereas a draft of this Instrument was laid before Parliament in accordance with the provisions of section 52(8) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999(**1**) and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 52(1), (2) and (9) and 83(6) of that Act(**2**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Inherited SERPS) (Amendments relating to Civil Partnership) Regulations 2005 and shall come into force on 5th December 2005.

Amendment of the Social Security (Inherited SERPS) Regulations 2001

2.—(1) The Social Security (Inherited SERPS) Regulations 2001(**3**) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2 (modification of Part II of the Contributions and Benefits Act)—

(a) in paragraph (1)—

(i) after "becomes widowed" insert "or a surviving civil partner";

(ii) for "widow or widower" substitute "widow, widower or surviving civil partner"; and

(iii) after "spouse" insert "or civil partner";

(b) in paragraph (2), for "widow or widower" substitute "widow, widower or surviving civil partner";

(**1**) 1999 c. 30.

(**2**) Section 52(2) was amended by paragraph 25 of Schedule 11 to the Pensions Act 2004 (c.35) and by paragraph 26 of the Schedule to S.I. 2005/2053. Section 52(9) is cited because of the meaning ascribed to the word "prescribed".

(**3**) S.I. 2001/1085. This instrument was amended by S.I. 2005/811.