STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2006 No. 336

INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION

The Adoption of Children from Overseas and Intercountry Adoption (Hague Convention) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006

Made - - - -	*15th August 2006*
Coming into operation	*21st August 2006*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (**1**), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 1(1), (3) and (5) of the Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act (Northern Ireland) 2001(**2**) and Articles 10(1), 16A, and 58ZA of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (**3**), makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Adoption of Children from Overseas and Intercountry Adoption (Hague Convention) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 and shall come into operation on 21st August 2006.

Amendment of the Adoption of Children from Overseas Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002

2.—(1) The Adoption of Children from Overseas Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (**4**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) In regulation 3 (requirements applying to prospective adopters) –

(a) In paragraph (2)(b), after "suitable to be an adoptive parent;", the word "and" shall be omitted;

(b) After paragraph (2)(b), the following paragraph shall be inserted:

"(ba) The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety has notified the prospective adopter that it agrees that the prospective adopter's case should proceed;"; and

(**1**) See S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1). Article 3(6)
(**2**) 2001 c 11 (N.I.)
(**3**) S.I. 1987/2203 (N.I. 22) as amended by S.I. 1994/429 (N.I. 2), S.I. 1995/755 (N.I. 2); Articles 16A and 58ZA were inserted by sections 3 and 12 of 2001 c. 11 (N.I.)
(**4**) SR 2002/144