STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2005 No. 496

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Made - - - -	*10th November 2005*
Coming into operation	*5th December 2005*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 49(1) and (2) and 73(4) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999(**1**), and now vested in it(**2**), and of all other powers enabling it 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 (Northern Ireland) 2005 and shall come into operation on 5th December 2005.

Amendment of the Social Security (Inherited SERPS) Regulations

2.—(1) The Social Security (Inherited SERPS) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001(**3**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

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

(a) in paragraph (1)—

(i) after "becomes widowed" there shall be inserted "or a surviving civil partner",

(ii) for "widow or widower" there shall be substituted "widow, widower or surviving civil partner", and

(iii) after "spouse" there shall be inserted "or civil partner";

(b) in paragraph (2), for "widow or widower" there shall be substituted "widow, widower or surviving civil partner";

(c) in paragraph (3)(f), after "spouse" there shall be inserted "or civil partner"; and

(**1**) S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11); Article 49(1) was amended by section 35(4)(a) of the Child Support Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4 (N.I.)) and paragraph (2) was amended by paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/255 (N.I. 1)) and paragraph 27 of the Schedule to S.R. 2005 No. 434

(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481

(**3**) S.R. 2001 No. 441 as amended by S.R. 2005 No. 124