STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2005 No. 474

LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

Made - - - -	*1st November 2005*
To be laid before Parliament	
Coming into operation	*5th December 2005*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 22 and 27 of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**1**), and now vested in him(**2**), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and shall come into operation on 5th December 2005.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations "the principal regulations" means the Legal Aid (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(**3**).

Amendment to the principal regulations

3. In regulation 1(2) of the principal regulations after the definition of "certifying committee" there shall be inserted—

> ""civil partner" has the meaning assigned to it by section 1 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004(**4**);"

4. In paragraph 6(b) of the Schedule to the principal regulations after the words "any spouse" there shall be inserted the words "or civil partner".

(**1**) S.I.1981/228 (N.I. 8); Article 27 is an interpretation provision and is recited because of the meaning assigned to the words "prescribed" and "regulations"
(**2**) S.I. 1982/159
(**3**) S.R. 1965 No. 217; to which the most recent amendment was made by S.R. 2003 No. 438
(**4**) 2004 c. 33