STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2005 No. 291

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Contact Lens (Specification) and Sight Testing (Examination and Prescription) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

Made - - - -	*13th June 2005*
Coming into operation	*5th July 2005*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(**1**), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 25(7) and 26 of the Opticians Act 1989(**2**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Contact Lens (Specification) and Sight Testing (Examination and Prescription) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and shall come into operation on 5th July 2005.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

(3) In these Regulations –

"medical practitioner" has the same meaning as in the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**4**); and

"the Sight Testing Regulations" means the Sight Testing (Examination and Prescription) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(**5**).

Duty to provide Contact Lens Specification

2. Where a medical practitioner issues a specification to an individual to whom he has fitted a contact lens, pursuant to section 25(5) of the Opticians Act 1989(**6**), it shall contain the following particulars –

(**1**) *See*S.I.1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(6)
(**2**) 1989 c. 44; section 25(7)(b) was added by and section 26 was amended by S.I. 2005/848
(**3**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**4**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)
(**5**) S.R. 1989 No. 281
(**6**) Sub-section (5) was added to section 25 by S.I. 2005/848