STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1998 No. 389

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

The Human Organ Transplants (Establishment of Relationship) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998

Made - - - -	*9th November 1998*
Coming into operation	*21st December 1998*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 4(2) of the Human Organ Transplants (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(**1**) 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 Human Organ Transplants (Establishment of Relationship) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998 and shall come into operation on 21st December 1998.

(2) In these regulations–

"the Order" means the Human Organ Transplants (Northern Ireland) Order 1989;

"donor" means the living person from whom it is proposed to remove an organ with the intention that it be transplanted into another person and "recipient" means that other person;

"genetic tests" means tests based on DNA variations;

"tester" means a person who has been approved by the Department as competent both to specify and to interpret the results of genetic tests.

Establishment of genetic relationship

2.—(1) For the purposes of Article 4 of the Order, the means by which the fact of a genetic relationship between the donor and the recipient is to be established are genetic tests, subject to the conditions specified in paragraph (2).

(2) The conditions are that a tester shall–

(a) specify the genetic tests to be carried out on the donor and the recipient, and on such relatives of each of them as are available and willing to be tested and whom in the opinion of the tester it is necessary to test;

(**1**) S.I.1989/2408 (N.I. 21)