STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 443

CHILDREN

Contact with Children Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - -	*23rd September 1996*
Coming into operation	*4th November 1996*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 53(8) of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**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 Contact with Children Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 4th November 1996.

(2) In these Regulations, any reference to a numbered Article is to the Article of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 bearing that number.

(3) Any notice required under these Regulations is to be given in writing and may be sent by ordinary post.

Authority refusal of contact with child

2. Where an authority has decided under Article 53(6) to refuse contact with a child that would otherwise be required by virtue of Article 53(1) or an order under Article 53, the authority shall, as soon as the decision has been made, notify the following persons of those parts of the information specified in the Schedule as the authority considers those persons need to know—

(a) the child, if he is of sufficient understanding;

(b) the child's parents;

(c) any guardian of his;

(d) where there was a residence order in force with respect to the child immediately before the care order was made, the person in whose favour the residence order was made;

(e) where immediately before the care order was made, a person had care of the child by virtue of an order made in the exercise of the High Court's inherent jurisdiction with respect to children, that person; and

(**1**) S.I.1995/755 (N.I. 2)