STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 435

CHILDREN

The Emergency Protection Order (Transfer of Responsibilities) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - -	*18th 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 71(3) and (4) of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**1**) 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 Emergency Protection Order (Transfer of Responsibilities) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 4th November 1996.

Transfer of responsibilities under emergency protection orders

2. Subject to regulation 5, where—

(a) an emergency protection order has been made with respect to a child;

(b) the applicant for the order was not the authority within whose area the child is ordinarily resident; and

(c) that authority is of the opinion that it would be in the child's best interests for the applicant's responsibilities under the order to be transferred to it,

that authority shall (subject to its having complied with the requirements imposed by regulation 3(1)) be treated, for the purposes of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, as though it and not the original applicant had applied for, and been granted, the order.

Requirements to be complied with by authorities

3.—(1) In forming its opinion under regulation 2(*c*) the authority shall consult the applicant for the emergency protection order and have regard to the following considerations—

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