1995 No. 484

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES, ETC.

ADOPTION

The Adopted Persons (Birth Records) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

Made . . . . . *19th December 1995*

Coming into operation . . *19th February 1996*

The Department of Finance and Personnel, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 54(1) and (2)(**a**) of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987(**b**) and now vested in it(**c**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. (*a*) These regulations may be cited as the Adopted Persons (Birth Records) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 19th February 1996.

(*b*) In these regulations the Order means The Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987.

Application for information enabling access to birth records

2. For the purposes of Article 54(1) of the Order (which provides for information to be supplied to an adopted person to enable him to obtain a certified copy of the record of his birth) the adopted person shall apply to the Registrar General—

(*a*) where the person was adopted before 18th December 1987, in the form set out in Schedule 1;

(*b*) where the person was adopted after 17th December 1987, in the form set out in Schedule 2.

Application for verification in connection with intended marriage

3. For the purposes of Article 54(2) of the Order (which provides for an adopted person to be informed whether or not it appears that he and the person who he intends to marry may be within the prohibited degrees of relationship for the purposes of Article 18(1) of the Family Law (Miscellaneous

(**a**) Article 54 is amended by paragraph 158 of Schedule 9 to S.I. 1995/755 (N.I. 2)
(**b**) S.I. 1987/2203 (N.I. 22) as amended by S.R. 1993 No. 494; *see* also the definition of "Prescribed" as substituted by paragraph 138(7) of Schedule 9 to S.I. 1995/755 (N.I. 2)
(**c**) S.R. 1993 No. 494 — Article 3

Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984(**a**) the adopted person shall apply to the Registrar General in the form set out in Schedule 3.

Revocation

4. The Adopted Persons (Birth Records) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(**b**) are revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 19th December 1995.

(L.S.) *Edgar F. Jardine*
Assistant Secretary

(a) S.I. 1984/1984 (N.I. 14)
(b) S.R. 1989 No. 250

SCHEDULE 1 Regulation 2(*a*)

Form of Application for Access to Birth Records by a Person Adopted before 18th December 1987

(Article 54 of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987)

1. I hereby apply for the information necessary to enable me to obtain a certified copy of the record of my birth. I understand that before this information is given to me, I am required to attend an interview with a counsellor.

Either A. I am in the United Kingdom and would prefer the interview to take place at (please put a tick in the box indicating your choice)—

(*a*) the Health and Social Services Board or Health and Social Security Trust (in Northern Ireland), the local authority (in England or Wales) or the regional or island council (in Scotland) in whose area I am residing; (please specify which and state the address) ☐

.....

.....

(*b*) some other Board, HSS Trust, local authority, regional or island council (please specify which and state the address) ☐

.....

(*c*) the General Register Office (for England and Wales) or, if known, ☐

(*d*) the adoption society registered under Article 4 of the adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987, or approved under section 3 of the Adoption Act 1976 or section 3 of the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978, which arranged my adoption. The name and address of the adoption society is ☐

.....

.....

.....

Or B. I am living outside the United Kingdom and would prefer the interview to take place with a counsellor from

.....

(name, address and status of organisation willing to provide counselling).

I enclose that organisation's notification that it is prepared to provide such counselling.

2. The following are the particulars of my adoption:—

Full name and surname.....

Date of birth.....

Country of birth (if known).....

Name of adoptive father.....

Name of adoptive mother.....

Date of adoption (if known).....