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REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, ETC.

ENGLAND AND WALES

The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) Regulations 1971

Made - - - *27th July* 1971

Coming into Operation *1st August* 1971

The Registrar General, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 55 and 74 of the Marriage Act 1949(**a**), section 20 of the Registration Service Act 1953(**b**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Secretary of State for Social Services, hereby makes the following regulations :—

Commencement, citation and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations shall come into operation on 1st August 1971 and may be cited as the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) Regulations 1971.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Manner of registration of marital condition

2.—(1) After paragraph (*a*) of regulation 68(2) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Regulations 1968(**d**) (manner of registration), there shall be inserted the following paragraph :—

"(*b*) if a party's previous marriage was annulled on the ground that the marriage was voidable, he shall enter the words "Previous marriage annulled"."

(2) Paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) of the said regulation shall be re-lettered "(*c*)" and "(*d*)" respectively.

Given under my hand on 23rd July 1971.

Michael Reed,
Registrar General.

I approve.

Keith Joseph,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

27th July 1971.

(**a**) 1949 c. 76.
(**b**) 1953 c. 37.
(**c**) 1889 c. 63.
(**d**) S.I. 1968/2049 (1968 III, p. 5522).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations make a minor amendment to the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Regulations 1968 which prescribe the manner in which registrars are to record in marriage registers the marital condition of the parties to a marriage. The amendment is made to accord with section 5 of the Nullity of Marriage Act 1971 (c.44). The regulations prescribe the manner in which the condition of a party to a marriage is to be described where the previous marriage of such a party was annulled on the ground that the marriage was voidable.

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