

2012 No. 2976

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP

**The Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Overseas Relationships) Order
2012**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>21st November 2012</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>3rd December 2012</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>31st January 2013</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 213 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004(a) and with the consent of the Scottish Ministers and the Department of Finance and Personnel:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Overseas Relationships) Order 2012 and comes into force on 31st January 2013.

Amendment of Schedule 20 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004

2. Schedule 20 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (meaning of overseas relationship: specified relationships) is amended in accordance with the Schedule to this Order.

Jo Swinson
Minister for Women and Equalities
Department for Culture, Media and Sport

4th November 2012

The Scottish Ministers consent to the making of this Order.

Alex Neil
A member of the Scottish Government

21st November 2012

The Department of Finance and Personnel consents to the making of this Order.
Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel



Oswyn Paulin
A Senior Officer of the Department of Finance and Personnel

7th November 2012

SCHEDULE

Article 2

1. In Schedule 20 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (meaning of overseas relationship: specified relationships), the table is amended as follows.

2. After the entry relating to Andorra, insert—

“Argentina	marriage
Argentina: Autonomous City of Buenos Aires	unión civil
Australia: Australian Capital Territory	civil partnership
Australia: New South Wales	a relationship registered under the Relationships Register Act 2010
Australia: Queensland	civil partnership”

3. After the entry relating to Australia: Tasmania, insert—

“Australia: Victoria	registered domestic relationship
Austria	eingetragene Partnerschaft”

4. After the second entry relating to Belgium, insert—

“Brazil	marriage
Brazil	união estável”

5. After the entry relating to Canada, insert—

“Canada: Manitoba	the relationship referred to as common-law relationship or as union de fait”
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6. After the entry relating to Canada: Quebec, insert—

“Colombia	unión de hecho
Czech Republic	registrované partnersví
Denmark	marriage”

7. After the entry relating to Denmark, insert—

“Ecuador	unión civil”
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8. After the entry relating to Germany, insert—

“Greenland	the relationship referred to as nalunaarsukkamik inooqatigiinneq or as registreret partnerskab
Hungary	bejegyzett élettársi kapcsolat
Iceland	marriage”

9. After the entry relating to Iceland, insert—

“Ireland	civil partnership
Isle of Man	civil partnership
Jersey	civil partnership
Liechtenstein	eingetragene Partnerschaft”

10. After the entry relating to Luxembourg, insert—

“Mexico: Coahuila	pacto civil de solidaridad
Mexico: Mexico City Federal District	marriage
Mexico: Mexico City Federal District	sociedad de convivencia”

11. After the entry relating to New Zealand, insert—

“Norway	marriage”
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12. After the entry relating to Norway, insert—

“Portugal	marriage
Slovenia	zakon o registraciji istospolne partnerske skupnosti
South Africa	civil partnership
South Africa	marriage”

13. After the entry relating to Spain, insert—

“Sweden	marriage”
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14. After the entry relating to Sweden, insert—

“Switzerland	the relationship referred to as eingetragene Partnerschaft, as partenariat enregistré or as unione domestica registrata”
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15. After the entry relating to the United States of America: California, insert—

“United States of America: California	marriage
United States of America: Colorado	the relationship between designated beneficiaries”

16. After the entry relating to the United States of America: Connecticut, insert—

“United States of America: Connecticut	marriage
United States of America: Delaware	civil union
United States of America: District of Columbia	marriage
United States of America: Hawaii	civil union
United States of America: Hawaii	reciprocal beneficiary relationship
United States of America: Illinois	civil union
United States of America: Iowa	marriage”

17. After the entry relating to the United States of America: Massachusetts, insert—

“United States of America: Nevada	domestic partnership
United States of America: New	marriage

Hampshire United States of America: New Jersey		civil union”
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18. After the entry relating to the United States of America: New Jersey, insert—

“United States of America: New York		marriage
United States of America: Oregon		domestic partnership
United States of America: Rhode Island		civil union”

19. After the entry relating to the United States of America: Vermont, insert—

“United States of America: Vermont		marriage
United States of America: Washington		state registered domestic partnership
United States of America: Wisconsin		domestic partnership
Uruguay		unión concubinaría”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends Schedule 20 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33) (“the Act”). Schedule 20 specifies overseas relationships that may be treated as civil partnerships for the purposes of the Act, provided certain other conditions in the Act are satisfied.

Article 2 adds 50 relationships to the specified relationships in the table in Schedule 20.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

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