



Civil Unions (Recognised Overseas Relationships) Regulations 2005

Silvia Cartwright, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 16th day of May 2005

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to section 35(1)(a) of the Civil Union Act 2004, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, and on the advice of the Minister of Justice that he is satisfied as to the matters required by section 35(2) of that Act, makes the following regulations.

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Regulations

- 1 **Title**
These regulations are the Civil Unions (Recognised Overseas Relationships) Regulations 2005.
- 2 **Commencement**
These regulations come into force on 16 June 2005.

3 Overseas relationships recognised as civil unions

- (1) For the purposes of section 5(b)(i) of the Civil Union Act 2004, a relationship of the type specified in the first column of the following table that is entered into in the place specified in the second column of that table under the authorising legislation specified in the third column of the table is recognised in New Zealand as a civil union.

| Type of relationship | Place relationship registered | Authorising legislation |
|---|-------------------------------|---|
| 1 Registered partnership (rekisteröity parisuhde) | Finland | Laki rekisteröidystä parisuhteesta (950/2001) |
| 2 Life partnership (Lebenspartnerschaft) | Germany | Gesetz über die Eingetragene Lebenspartnerschaft (Lebenspartnerschaftsgesetz—LPartG) |
| 3 Civil partnership | United Kingdom | Civil Partnership Act 2004 |
| 4 Domestic partnership | New Jersey, USA | Domestic Partnership Act (P.L. 2003 Ch. 246 (Codified as N.J.S.A. 26:8A-1, et seq)) |
| 5 Civil union | Vermont, USA | Act Relating to Civil Unions (15 V.S.A. (chapter 23: Civil Unions, sections 1201–1207)) |

- (2) A reference in the third column of the table set out in subclause (1) to specific authorising legislation is taken to include any related legislation that amends or augments the authorising legislation identified in that column.

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Acting for Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 16 June 2005, prescribe types of overseas relationships that are recognised in New Zealand as civil unions.

If a type of overseas relationship is recognised in New Zealand as a civil union, then a person who has entered into that type of relationship has the same rights and obligations in New Zealand as if that person had entered into a civil union in New Zealand under the Civil Union Act 2004.

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