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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2024 No. 319**

**The Representation of the People (Postal Vote Handling etc.) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

**Part 2**

**Amendment of the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008**

**Amendment of regulation 91 (forwarding of documents)**

**8.** In regulation 91 (forwarding of documents)—

- (a) in paragraph (1), after “81A(11)(1)” insert “, 84G(1)(a)”;
- (b) after paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) The returning officer must also forward to the Clerk of the Crown for Northern Ireland the list compiled in accordance with regulation 84H(1), together with the packets made up in accordance with regulation 84G(1)(b) and resealed in accordance with regulation 84H(6)(c), as soon as reasonably practicable after the registration officer has met the duty in regulation 84I(2) in relation to each elector on the list.”;

- (c) at the end of paragraph (3) insert “, subject to paragraph (3A)”;
- (d) after paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) For the purposes of the application of rules 56 and 57 of the election rules to the packets and documents forwarded under this regulation, the following are to be treated in the same manner as a counted ballot paper—

- (a) the list compiled in accordance with regulation 84H(1) and any extracts from it;
- (b) return of postal voting documents forms.”.