
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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NORTHERN IRELAND

The Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008

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1(2) and (3)*

THE SEXUAL OFFENCES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2008

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SCHEDULE 1 — Minor and consequential amendments

Belfast Improvement Act 1845 (c. cxlii)

- 1. (1) Section 167 of the Belfast Improvement Act 1845 is...

Town Police Clauses Act 1847 (c. 89)

- 2. (1) Section 28 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847...

Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 (c. 103)

- 3. (1) Section 72 of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854...

Offences Against the Person Act 1861 (c. 100)

- 4. In the Offences Against the Person Act 1861, omit—

Criminal Law Amendment Act 1885 (c. 69)

- 5. In the Criminal Law Amendment Act 1885 omit—

Punishment of Incest Act 1908 (c. 45)

- 6. In the Punishment of Incest Act 1908 omit—

Criminal Law Amendment Act (Northern Ireland) 1923 (c. 8)

- 7. (1) The Criminal Law Amendment Act (Northern Ireland) 1923 is...

Criminal Law and Prevention of Crime (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1930 (c. 3)

- 8. (1) The Criminal Law and Prevention of Crime (Amendment) Act...

Age of Marriage Act (Northern Ireland) 1951 (c. 25)

9. In the Age of Marriage Act (Northern Ireland) 1951, omit...

Visiting Forces Act 1952 (c. 67)

10. (1) The Visiting Forces Act 1952 is amended as follows....

Attempted Rape, etc., Act (Northern Ireland) 1960 (c. 3)

11. In the Attempted Rape, etc., Act (Northern Ireland) 1960, omit...

Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 (c. 34)

12. (1) The Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968...

Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (c. 16)

13. (1) The Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 is amended as...

Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (NI 6)

14. In the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1980, omit Article...

Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (NI 26)

15. In Schedule 2 to the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order...

Criminal Attempts and Conspiracy (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 (NI 13)

16. (1) The Criminal Attempts and Conspiracy (Northern Ireland) Order 1983...

Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (NI 4)

17. In the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, omit—

Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (NI 15)

18. In the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, omit paragraph...

Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (NI 22)

19. In Article 47(1) of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987...

Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (NI 12)

20. (1) Schedule 2 to the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern...

Treatment of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (NI 15)

21. In the Treatment of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, omit...

Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992 (c. 34)

22. (1) The Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992 is amended as...

Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (NI 2)

23. In Schedule 1 to the Health and Personal Social Services...

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Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and Incitement) Act 1996 (c. 29)

24. (1) Paragraph 2 of the Schedule to the Sexual Offences...

Industrial Tribunals (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 18)

25. In Article 13(5)(b) of the Industrial Tribunals (Northern Ireland) Order...

Criminal Justice (Children) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (NI 9)

26. In paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Criminal Justice...

Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (NI 8)

27. (1) The Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 is amended...

Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (c. 43)

28. In the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000, omit...

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (c. 29)

29. (1) Paragraph 8 of Schedule 5 to the Proceeds of...

Criminal Justice Act 2003 (c. 44)

30. The Criminal Justice Act 2003 is amended as follows.

31. (1) Part 2 of Schedule 5 (qualifying offences for the...

Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (NI 13)

32. In the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003—

Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 (NI 9)

33. (1) Schedule 4 to the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order...

Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 (NI 3)

34. (1) Schedule 4 to the Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004...

Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 (NI 1)

35. (1) The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 is amended...

SCHEDULE 2 — Transitional and Transitory Provisions

Continuity of sexual offences law

1. (1) This paragraph applies where, in any proceedings—

Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (NI 4)

2. (1) Until Article 60 of, and Schedule 8 to, the...

SCHEDULE 3 — Repeals

Explanatory Note