

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into operation the provisions of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 set out in the Schedule on 15 May 2008. In particular it brings into operation provisions enabling the imposition of indeterminate and extended custodial sentences for certain offences, and the release on licence of offenders serving such sentences. Commencement of the provisions specified in Article 3(2) is subject to the saving provision in Article 3(1). Transitory modifications to Articles 18, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 26 of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (N.I. 24) are made by Article 4 of this Order.