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2015 No.

**NATIONAL CRIME AGENCY
PROCEEDS OF CRIME
NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Crime and Courts Act 2013 (National Crime Agency
and Proceeds of Crime) (Northern Ireland) Order 2015**

Made - - - - *******

Coming into force - - *******

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 59(1), (2) and (3) of, paragraphs 2, 3, 5 and 7(1) of Schedule 24 to, and paragraphs 3, 4, 7(1) and (2), 10, 11 and 14(1) of Schedule 25 to, the Crime and Courts Act 2013⁽¹⁾.

In accordance with paragraph 6(1) of Schedule 24 to that Act, and paragraphs 6(1) and 13(1) of Schedule 25 to that Act, the Northern Ireland Assembly has consented to the making of transferred provision (as defined in that Act) by this Order.

In accordance with section 58(4)(j), (l) and (6) of that Act, a draft of this Order has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

PART 1

GENERAL

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (National Crime Agency and Proceeds of Crime) (Northern Ireland) Order 2015.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), this Order comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

(3) Articles 4, 5(1) and 6 and Schedules 1, 2 and 3 come into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which this Order is made.

(4) Accordingly, a provision of CCA 2013 that is extended to Northern Ireland by article 3, 4 or 7 comes into force in Northern Ireland—

- (a) at the same time as the article which extends the provision, so far as the provision has come into force before that time outside Northern Ireland;
- (b) otherwise, on such day or days as may be appointed by order under section 61(2) of CCA 2013.

(5) An amendment, repeal or revocation made by this Order has the same extent as the provision amended, repealed or revoked.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“CCA 2013” means the Crime and Courts Act 2013;

“relevant NCA provisions” has the same meaning as in Schedule 24 to CCA 2013.

PART 2

THE NATIONAL CRIME AGENCY

Relevant NCA provisions to extend to Northern Ireland initially

3.—(1) The following relevant NCA provisions extend to Northern Ireland—

- (a) section 3(2)(a) so far as it requires consultation with the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland;
- (b) in section 4—
 - (i) subsection (6)(a) so far as it requires consultation with the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland;
 - (ii) subsection (7)(b);
 - (iii) subsection (8)(c);
- (c) in Schedule 1—
 - (i) paragraph 7(1)(b);
 - (ii) paragraph 8(3)(b);
- (d) in Schedule 2—
 - (i) paragraph 5(b);
 - (ii) paragraph 6(2)(b)(ii), (4) and (5);
 - (iii) paragraph 8(4) and (5).

(2) In section 4 of CCA 2013 (operations)—

- (a) in subsection (6)(a), after “partners” insert “and the Northern Ireland Policing Board”;
- (b) in subsection (7)(b), after the first “Ireland” insert “and the Northern Ireland Policing Board”;
- (c) in subsection (8)(c), after the first “Ireland” insert “and the Northern Ireland Policing Board”.

Other relevant NCA provisions to extend to Northern Ireland subsequently

- 4.—(1) The following relevant NCA provisions extend to Northern Ireland—
- (a) section 11(8);
 - (b) in Schedule 3—
 - (i) paragraph 1(2) so far as it imposes a duty on a member of the Police Service of Northern Ireland or a person operating in Northern Ireland who falls within paragraph 1(3)(f);
 - (ii) paragraph 3 so far as it relates to the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland;
 - (iii) paragraph 25;
 - (iv) paragraph 26(3)(b);
 - (c) in Schedule 5—
 - (i) paragraph 11(1)(c);
 - (ii) paragraph 11(6) to (8);
 - (iii) in paragraph 11(9), the definitions of “Northern Ireland general authorisation” and “Northern Ireland operational authorisation”;
 - (iv) paragraph 13;
 - (v) in paragraph 30, the definition of “powers and privileges of a Northern Ireland constable”;
 - (d) in Schedule 6, paragraph 19.
- (2) Schedule 1 (extension of relevant NCA provisions: consequential and connected provision) has effect.

Other provision relating to NCA functions

- 5.—(1) Schedule 2 (amendments relating to NCA functions) has effect.
- (2) Articles 4 and 5 of the National Crime Agency (Limitation of Extension to Northern Ireland) Order 2013 are revoked.

The Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989

- 6.—(1) The Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 applies in relation to—
- (a) designated persons, and
 - (b) the exercise of powers by such persons under Part 1 of CCA 2013,
- with the modifications set out in Schedule 3.
- (2) In article 63A of that Order (fingerprints and samples: supplementary provisions), in paragraph (1A)(b), for “Serious Organised Crime Agency” substitute “National Crime Agency”.
- (3) In this article “designated person” means an NCA officer designated as a person having the powers and privileges of a constable under section 10(1)(a) of CCA 2013.

PART 3

PROCEEDS OF CRIME

Proceeds of crime provisions to extend to Northern Ireland

7. The following extend to Northern Ireland—
- (a) the relevant civil recovery provisions, as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 25 to CCA 2013, and
 - (b) the relevant investigation provisions, as defined in paragraph 8 of that Schedule.

Extension of relevant civil recovery provisions: consequential provision

8.—(1) Part 5 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (civil recovery of the proceeds etc of unlawful conduct)(2) is amended as follows.

- (2) In section 282A (scope of powers)(3)—
- (a) in subsection (1), omit “in England and Wales”,
 - (b) in subsection (2), omit “in England and Wales”,
 - (c) in subsection (4), omit “and” at the end of paragraph (a), and
 - (d) at the end of that subsection insert—
 - “, and
 - (c) in relation to an order made by the High Court in Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland.”.
- (3) In section 282B (enforcement abroad before recovery order: enforcement authority)(4)—
- (a) in subsection (1)(c), omit “in relation to England and Wales and Scotland”, and
 - (b) in subsection (2)(a), after “Wales” insert “and Northern Ireland”.
- (4) In section 282C (enforcement abroad before recovery order: receiver or administrator)(5)—
- (a) in subsection (1)(a), omit “made by the High Court in England and Wales”, and
 - (b) in subsection (2)(a), omit “made by the High Court in England and Wales”.
- (5) In section 282D (evidence overseas: interim receiver or interim administrator)(6)—
- (a) in subsection (1)(a), omit “made by the High Court in England and Wales”, and
 - (b) in subsection (3), omit “in England and Wales”.
- (6) In section 282F(1)(a) (enforcement abroad: after recovery order)(7), omit “made by the High Court in England and Wales or the Court of Session”.
- (7) In section 316(8B) (general interpretation)(8), for “England and Wales or Scotland” substitute “a part of the United Kingdom”.
- (8) The amendments made by this article are deemed always to have had effect.

(2) 2002 c. 29.

(3) Section 282A is inserted by section 48(2) of CCA 2013.

(4) Section 282B is inserted by paragraph 6 of Schedule 18 to CCA 2013.

(5) Section 282C is inserted by paragraph 6 of Schedule 18 to CCA 2013.

(6) Section 282D is inserted by paragraph 6 of Schedule 18 to CCA 2013.

(7) Section 282F is inserted by paragraph 6 of Schedule 18 to CCA 2013.

(8) Subsection (8B) of section 316 is inserted by section 48(5) of CCA 2013.

Extension of relevant investigation provisions: consequential provision

9. In Part 1 of Schedule 19 to CCA 2013 (proceeds of crime: civil recovery investigations), in the headings before paragraphs 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12, at the end insert “and Northern Ireland”.

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SCHEDULE 1

Article 4(2)

Extension of relevant NCA provisions: consequential and connected provision

Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998

1. In section 60ZA of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 (Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the National Crime Agency) (as amended by section 11(8) of CCA 2013), at the end insert—

“(8) The Director General of the National Crime Agency shall supply the Ombudsman with such information and documents as the Ombudsman may require for the purposes of, or in connection with, the exercise of any of the Ombudsman’s functions under procedures established by virtue of this section.”

CCA 2013

2.—(1) Paragraph 11 of Schedule 5 to CCA 2013 (police, customs and immigration powers) is amended as follows.

(2) For sub-paragraphs (6) to (8) substitute—

“(6) An NCA officer may only exercise the powers and privileges of a Northern Ireland constable if—

- (a) a Northern Ireland general authorisation is in force,
- (b) the powers and privileges are exercised in accordance with that authorisation, and
- (c) one or both of the following conditions is met—
 - (i) the NCA officer exercises the powers and privileges with the agreement of the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland;
 - (ii) the NCA officer exercises the powers and privileges in relation to the conduct of a police officer.

(7) The Chief Constable may arrange for a member of the Police Service of Northern Ireland at the rank of Superintendent or above to give agreement for the purposes of sub-paragraph (6)(c)(i) (whether in all cases or in cases specified in the arrangements).”

(3) In sub-paragraph (9), omit the definition of “Northern Ireland operational authorisation”.

SCHEDULE 2

Article 5(1)

Amendments relating to NCA functions

Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000

1. The Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 is amended as follows.

2.—(1) In section 3 (general functions of the Board), after subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) The Board shall—

- (a) monitor the exercise of the functions of the National Crime Agency in Northern Ireland;
- (b) assess the level of public satisfaction with the performance of the National Crime Agency in exercising functions in Northern Ireland;

(c) make arrangements for obtaining the co-operation of the public with the National Crime Agency in the prevention of organised crime and serious crime.

(3B) Nothing in subsection (3A) shall have effect in relation to anything done by the National Crime Agency outside Northern Ireland.”

(2) If the repeal of section 3(3)(d)(ii) of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (made by the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011) comes into force, paragraph (b) of subsection (3A) (inserted into section 3 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 by this paragraph) is also repealed.

3.—(1) Section 31A (core policing principles) is amended in accordance with this paragraph.

(2) In subsection (1), after “officers” insert “and National Crime Agency officers”;

(3) In subsection (2), after “officers” insert “and National Crime Agency officers”;

(4) After subsection (2) insert—

“(3) Nothing in this section shall have effect in relation to anything done by a National Crime Agency officer outside Northern Ireland.”

4. In section 33A (provision of information to Board), after subsection (6) insert—

“(7) This section applies to the Director General of the National Crime Agency as it applies to the Chief Constable.

(8) In the application of this section to the Director General of the National Crime Agency—

(a) each reference to the Chief Constable is to be read as a reference to the Director General;

(b) the reference in subsection (1) to the exercise of any of the Board’s functions is to be read as a reference to the exercise of any of the Board’s functions in relation to the National Crime Agency;

(c) if subsection (6) applies, the Director General must inform the Secretary of State of the matters set out in subsection (6)(a) and (b) (in addition to informing the Minister of Justice, in the case of subsection (6)(a) and (b), and the Board, in the case of subsection (6)(b));

(d) nothing in this section shall have effect in relation to anything done by the National Crime Agency outside Northern Ireland.”

5. In section 52 (code of ethics), after subsection (10) insert—

“(10A) The Director General of the National Crime Agency shall take such steps as the Director General considers necessary to ensure—

(a) that all National Crime Agency officers exercising functions in Northern Ireland have read and understood the code as currently in force; and

(b) that a record is made and kept of the steps taken in relation to each officer.

(10B) The Director General of the National Crime Agency shall, so far as practicable, ensure that the provisions of the code currently in force under this section are reflected in the disciplinary procedures applicable to National Crime Agency officers in relation to their exercise of functions in Northern Ireland.”

6.—(1) Section 57 (annual and other reports by the Board) is amended in accordance with this paragraph.

(2) In subsection (2), after paragraph (j) insert—

“(k) the exercise of the functions of the National Crime Agency in Northern Ireland;

- (l) the level of public satisfaction with the performance of the National Crime Agency in exercising functions in Northern Ireland;
 - (m) the effectiveness of arrangements made under section 3(3A)(c) for obtaining the co-operation of the public with the National Crime Agency in the prevention of organised crime and serious crime.”
- (3) After subsection (2) insert—
- “(2A) Nothing in subsection (2)(k), (l) or (m) shall have effect in relation to anything done by the National Crime Agency outside Northern Ireland.”
7. In section 59 (general duty of Chief Constable to report to Board), after subsection (5) insert—
- “(6) The Director General of the National Crime Agency shall, whenever so required by the Board, submit to the Board a report on any such relevant NCA matter as may be specified in the requirement.
- (7) But the Board may not require the Director General to submit such a report before consulting the Secretary of State .
- (8) In this section “relevant NCA matter” means a matter which relates to—
- (a) how the Director General intends that functions of the National Crime Agency are to be exercised in Northern Ireland; or
 - (b) whether the exercise of the functions of the National Crime Agency in Northern Ireland is, or was, in accord with their intended exercise.
- (9) Subsections (2) to (5) of this section apply to a report under subsection (6) as they apply to a report under subsection (1).
- (10) In the application of subsections (2) to (5) to a report under subsection (6), each reference to the Chief Constable is to be read as a reference to the Director General of the National Crime Agency.”
8. In section 60 (inquiry by Board following report by Chief Constable), after subsection (17) insert—
- “(18) Where the Board—
- (a) has considered a report on any relevant NCA matter submitted by the Director General of the National Crime Agency under section 59, and
 - (b) considers that an inquiry ought to be held under this section into that matter or any related matter disclosed in the report by reason of the gravity of the matter or exceptional circumstances,
- the Board may, after consultation with the Director General and with the Secretary of State, cause such an inquiry to be held.
- (19) Subsections (2) to (17) of this section apply to an inquiry which the Board causes to be held under subsection (18) as they apply to an inquiry caused to be held under subsection (1).
- (20) In the application of subsections (2) to (17) to an inquiry which the Board causes to be held under subsection (18)—
- (a) each reference to the Chief Constable (except the reference in subsection (16)(a)) is to be read as a reference to the Director General of the National Crime Agency;
 - (b) subsection (16) is to be read as including a requirement to send a copy of the report of any inquiry to the Director General (as well as to the persons in subsection (16) (a) to (d)).”

9. In Part 6 of Schedule 1 (procedure of the Northern Ireland Policing Board), after paragraph 19 insert—

“Attendance of Director General of NCA at meetings

19A.—(1) The Director General of the National Crime Agency must attend a meeting of the Board if the Board gives the Director General a reasonable period of notice of the meeting.

(2) The Director General may not be given notice under this paragraph of a meeting that is to be held in accordance with—

- (a) paragraph 18, except where section 60 applies in relation to a report on any relevant NCA matter submitted by the Director General of the National Crime Agency under section 59, or
- (b) paragraph 19.”

Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002

10. The Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 is amended as follows.

11.—(1) Section 46 (functions of Chief Inspector) is amended in accordance with this paragraph.

(2) In subsection (1), after paragraph (a) insert—

“(aa) the National Crime Agency,”.

(3) After subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) An inspection of the National Crime Agency carried out by the Chief Inspector may cover only the exercise of functions of that Agency in Northern Ireland.”

12.—(1) Section 47 (further provisions about functions) is amended in accordance with this paragraph.

(2) After subsection (1A) insert—

“(1B) The Chief Inspector must consult the Secretary of State if the Chief Inspector proposes to specify an inspection programme under subsection (1) which includes an inspection of the National Crime Agency.”

(3) After subsection (4) insert—

“(4A) The Department of Justice must consult the Secretary of State before requiring the Chief Inspector to carry out an inspection under subsection (3) of the National Crime Agency .”

CCA 2013

13. CCA 2013 is amended as follows.

14. In section 11 (inspections and complaints), after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) The Secretary of State must consult the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland before requesting HMIC to carry out an inspection in respect of a particular matter which relates only to the exercise of NCA functions in Northern Ireland.

(2B) The Department of Justice may request that HMIC carry out an inspection in respect of a particular matter that relates only to the exercise of NCA functions in Northern Ireland, but only with the consent of the Secretary of State.”

15. In Part 1 of Schedule 1 (the NCA) after paragraph 6 insert—

“Investigatory activity in Northern Ireland

6A.—(1) An NCA officer may only carry out relevant investigatory activity in Northern Ireland if one or both of the following conditions is met—

- (a) the NCA officer carries out the relevant investigatory activity with the agreement of the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland;
- (b) the NCA officer carries out the relevant investigatory activity in relation to the conduct of a police officer.

(2) The Chief Constable may arrange for a member of the Police Service of Northern Ireland at the rank of Superintendent or above to give agreement for the purposes of subparagraph (1)(a) (whether in all cases or in cases specified in the arrangements).

(3) In this paragraph “relevant investigatory activity” means any activity which is authorised by an authorisation granted under any of the following provisions—

- (a) in the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000—
 - (i) section 28 (directed surveillance);
 - (ii) section 29 (conduct or use of a covert human intelligence source);
 - (iii) section 32 (intrusive surveillance);
- (b) section 93 of the Police Act 1997 (authorisation in respect of property).”

SCHEDULE 3

Article 6(1)

Modifications in the application of the Police and Criminal
Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 to designated persons

1. Except where the contrary intention appears, in the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 any reference to a police officer or officer (in the context of a police officer) is to be read as, or including, a reference to a designated person.
2. In article 2 (general interpretation), in paragraph (2)—
 - (a) before the definition of “designated police station” insert—

““designated person” means an NCA officer designated as a person having the powers and privileges of a constable under section 10(1)(a) of CCA 2013;”;
 - (b) after the definition of “items subject to legal privilege” insert—

““NCA office” means a place for the time being occupied by the National Crime Agency;”.
3. In article 4 (provisions relating to search under article 3 and other powers)—
 - (a) for paragraph (2)(i) substitute—

“(i) documentary evidence that he is a designated person; and”;
 - (b) in paragraph (2)(ii) omit “whether he is in uniform or not;”;
 - (c) in paragraphs (4)(a) and (7)(b)—
 - (i) for “police number” substitute “staff number”;
 - (ii) for “of the police station” substitute “and location of the NCA office”;
 - (d) in paragraph (7)(c) for “police station” substitute “NCA office”.
4. In article 5 (duty to make records concerning searches), in paragraph (6)(b) for “police number” substitute “staff number”.

5. Omit article 6 (road checks).
6. In article 18 (execution of warrants)—
 - (a) in paragraphs (3A) and (3B) for “police officer of at least the rank of inspector” substitute “designated person of at least grade 3”;
 - (b) in paragraph (5)(a) for “, if not in uniform, shall produce to him documentary evidence that he is a constable” substitute “shall produce to him documentary evidence that he is a designated person”.
7. In article 20 (entry and search after arrest)—
 - (a) in paragraphs (4) and (6) for “an officer of the rank of inspector or above” substitute “a designated person of at least grade 3”;
 - (b) in paragraph (5A) for “police station” substitute “NCA office”.
8. In article 23 (access and copying), in paragraph (3)(b) for “police” substitute “National Crime Agency”.
9. In article 24 (retention), in paragraph (6) for “police” substitute “National Crime Agency”.
10. In article 29 (fingerprinting of certain offenders)—
 - (a) in paragraph (1)(c)(i) for “police” substitute “National Crime Agency”;
 - (b) in the words after sub-paragraph (c)(ii) for “police station” substitute “NCA office”.
11. In article 44 (warrants of further detention), in paragraphs (7)(b) and (13)(c) for “police” substitute “National Crime Agency”.
12. In article 60 (tape-recording of interviews), in paragraph (1)(a) after “police stations” insert “or NCA offices”.
13. In article 60A (visual recording of interviews), in sub-paragraph (a) after “police stations” insert “or NCA offices”.
14. In article 61 (fingerprinting)—
 - (a) in paragraphs (3)(b), (4)(b), (4A) and (6C) for “police” substitute “National Crime Agency”;
 - (b) in paragraph (4AA) for “an officer of at least the rank of inspector” substitute “a designated person of at least grade 3”.
15. In article 61A (impressions of footwear), in paragraphs (3)(b) and (4) for “police” substitute “National Crime Agency”.
16. In article 62 (intimate samples), in paragraphs (1)(a) and (1A) for “a police officer of at least the rank of inspector” substitute “a designated person of at least grade 3”.
17. In article 63 (other samples)—
 - (a) in paragraphs (2A)(b), (3)(a) and (3A) for “police” substitute “National Crime Agency”;
 - (b) in paragraph (3)(b) for “an officer of at least the rank of inspector” substitute “a designated person of at least grade 3”.
18. In article 63A (fingerprints and samples: supplementary provisions)—
 - (a) in paragraphs (4) and (5) after “police station” insert “or NCA office”;
 - (b) in paragraph (4)(a) for “police” substitute “National Crime Agency”;
 - (c) in paragraph (8), for sub-paragraph (b) substitute—
 - “(b) in the case of a person falling within paragraph (4)(b), a designated person of at least grade 3.”

19. In article 64 (destruction of fingerprints and samples), in paragraphs (5)(b) and (7) for “Chief Constable” substitute “Director General of the National Crime Agency”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Under Schedule 24 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013, certain provisions of Part 1 of that Act (relating to the National Crime Agency or “NCA”) do not extend to Northern Ireland. In Schedule 24 these provisions are described as the “relevant NCA provisions”. Paragraph 2(2)(a) of Schedule 24 gives the Secretary of State power (exercisable by order) to provide for any relevant NCA provision to extend to Northern Ireland.

The relevant NCA provisions in Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 8 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 have already been extended to Northern Ireland, by the National Crime Agency (Limitation of Extension to Northern Ireland) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/2326). Articles 3(1) and 4(1) of this Order provide for most of the remaining relevant NCA provisions to extend to Northern Ireland. (After those articles have come into force, the only relevant NCA provisions not extending to Northern Ireland will be paragraphs 14 and 15 of Schedule 3 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013.)

Articles 3(2) of, and Schedules 1 and 2 to, this Order contain various amendments of existing legislation (including some which are amendments of relevant NCA provisions extended to Northern Ireland by this Order). These amendments are intended to change the law in connection with the operation of the National Crime Agency in Northern Ireland.

The National Crime Agency (Limitation of Extension to Northern Ireland) Order 2013 imposed restrictions on the exercise (in Northern Ireland) of some of the relevant NCA provisions which it extended to Northern Ireland. The restrictions concerned the exercise of functions relating to civil recovery investigations which the National Crime Agency has under Part 8 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. Article 5(2) of this Order removes those restrictions by revoking articles 4 and 5 of the 2013 Order.

Article 6 of, and Schedule 3 to, this Order provide for the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I. 12)) to apply to the exercise of police powers in Northern Ireland by National Crime Agency officers.

Schedule 25 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 operates in the same way as Schedule 24, but secures that certain provisions of Part 2 of that Act (relating to proceeds of crime) do not extend to Northern Ireland. In Schedule 25 these provisions are described as the “relevant civil recovery provisions” (Part 1 of Schedule 25) and the “relevant investigation provisions” (Part 2 of Schedule 25). Paragraphs 3 and 10 of Schedule 25 give the Secretary of State power (exercisable by order) to provide for any of the relevant civil recovery provisions or relevant investigation provisions to extend to Northern Ireland.

Article 7 of this Order provides for all of the relevant civil recovery provisions and all of the relevant investigation provisions to extend to Northern Ireland.

Articles 8 and 9 of this Order amend provisions extended to Northern Ireland by article 7. These amendments are intended to ensure that the wording of the provisions reflects their extension to Northern Ireland.

Article 1 of this Order includes provision about commencement. Article 1(4) concerns commencement of the provisions that are extended to Northern Ireland. These provisions can be considered (for the purposes of commencement) in three different groups.

One group consists of provisions that have already come fully into force in Great Britain. At the time when such a provision is extended to Northern Ireland, it will come fully into force in Northern Ireland (article 1(4)(a)).

Another group consists of provisions that have not come into force at all in Great Britain. These provisions will fall to be fully commenced in Northern Ireland by order under section 61(2) of the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (article 1(4)(b)).

The third group consists of provisions which have been partially commenced in Great Britain (for example, commenced only for a particular purpose). At the time when such a provision is extended to Northern Ireland, it will be partially commenced in Northern Ireland (its partial commencement in Northern Ireland will match its partial commencement in Great Britain – article 1(4)(a)). If such a provision is to be further commenced in Northern Ireland, this will fall to be done by order under section 61(2) of the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (article 1(4)(b)).