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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 1979 No. 1573

## Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979

### Statutory rules

4. In this Order “statutory rules” means—

- (a) all orders, rules, regulations or byelaws having effect in Northern Ireland made after 31st December 1958 by a rule-making authority in exercise of any power of a legislative character conferred by—
  - (i) any Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland unless the power is expressed to be exercisable by statutory instrument;
  - (ii) any [<sup>F1</sup> Act] of the Assembly, unless the power is expressed to be exercisable by statutory instrument;
  - (iii) any Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom passed before 1st January 1974, if the power relates to any matter in respect of which the Parliament of Northern Ireland had power to make laws and is not expressed to be exercisable by statutory instrument;
  - (iv) any Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom passed after 1st January 1974, if the power is expressed to be exercisable by statutory rule for the purposes of the Statutory Rules Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 or this Order;
  - [<sup>F2</sup>(v) any [<sup>F3</sup>assimilated direct] legislation [<sup>F4</sup>..., if the power is expressed to be exercisable by statutory rule for the purposes of this Order;
  - (vi) any regulations made under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, if the power is expressed to be exercisable by statutory rule for the purposes of this Order;]
  - [<sup>F5</sup>(vii) any legislation referred to in paragraph [<sup>F6</sup>7(2)(b)] of Schedule 1 to the Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Act 2020, if the power is expressed to be exercisable by statutory rule for the purposes of this Order;
  - (viii) any regulations made under the Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Act 2020, if the power is expressed to be exercisable by statutory rule for the purposes of this Order;]
  - [<sup>F7</sup>(ix) any regulations made under section 14(2) or (3) of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023, if the power is expressed to be exercisable by statutory rule for the purposes of this Order.]
- (b) all orders, rules, regulations or other subordinate legislation (whether or not relating to any matter in respect of which the Parliament of Northern Ireland had power to make laws), made, confirmed or approved by any of the rule-making authorities mentioned in Part II of Schedule 1 in exercise of powers conferred by any Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom passed before 1st January 1974, including orders, rules, regulations or other subordinate legislation made, confirmed or approved as aforesaid on or after 1st January 1948 (the date of the commencement of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946);
- (c) schemes made under the statutory provisions listed in Schedule 2; and

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(d) instruments, or instruments of any class, declared by regulations under Article 7(1) to be statutory rules for the purposes of this Order;

but does not include instruments, or instruments of any class, declared by regulations under Article 7(1) not to be statutory rules.

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| <b>F1</b> | SI 1999/663   |
| <b>F2</b> | Art. 4(a)(v)(vi) inserted (28.11.2018) by <a href="#">The European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1242)</a> , reg. 1, <b>Sch. 2 para. 3</b>                             |
| <b>F3</b> | Words in art. 4(a)(v) substituted (1.1.2024) by <a href="#">The Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1424)</a> , reg. 1(2), <b>Sch. para. 10(2)</b>       |
| <b>F4</b> | Words in art. 4(a)(v) omitted (1.1.2024) by virtue of <a href="#">The Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1424)</a> , reg. 1(2), <b>Sch. para. 10(2)</b> |
| <b>F5</b> | Art. 4(a)(vii)(viii) inserted (30.4.2020) by <a href="#">The Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Act 2020 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/463)</a> , regs. 1(1), 7                   |
| <b>F6</b> | Word in art. 4(a)(vii) substituted (1.1.2024) by <a href="#">The Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1424)</a> , reg. 1(2), <b>Sch. para. 10(3)</b>      |
| <b>F7</b> | Art. 4(a)(ix) inserted (1.1.2024) by <a href="#">The Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1424)</a> , reg. 1(2), <b>Sch. para. 10(4)</b>                  |

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- [Sch.1. Pt.II am. \(prosp.\) by 1998 c. 47 s.99Sch.13 para.4](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

- [Act amended by 1996 c. 25 s.79Sch.4 para.26](#)
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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- [Sch.4 para.14 rev. \(prosp.\) by 1998 c. 47 s.100\(2\)Sch.15](#)
- [art.11\(4\) rev. \(prosp.\) by 1998 c. 47 s.100\(2\)Sch.15](#)