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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1992 No. 807**

**The Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1992**

**PART IX**

**THE CERTIFICATION OFFICER AND THE COMMISSIONER  
FOR THE RIGHTS OF TRADE UNION MEMBERS**

*The Certification Officer for Northern Ireland*

**[<sup>F1</sup>Vexatious litigants**

**70A.**—(1) The Certification Officer may refuse to entertain any application or complaint made to him under a provision of—

- (a) this Order; or
- (b) Parts II to VIA of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, by a vexatious litigant.

(2) The Certification Officer must give reasons for such a refusal.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a complaint under Article 12E(1)(b) or to an application under Article 5 or 6 or paragraph 30 of Schedule 1.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (1) a vexatious litigant is a person who is the subject of—

- (a) an order which is made under section 32 of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978,
- (b) an order which is made under section 33(1) of the Industrial Tribunals Act 1996 and which remains in force,
- (c) a civil proceedings order or an all proceedings order which is made under section 42(1) of the [<sup>F2</sup> Senior Courts Act 1981] and which remains in force, or
- (d) an order which is made under section 1 of the Vexatious Actions (Scotland) Act 1898.]

**F1** 1999 NI 9

**F2** Words in Order substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 59(5), 148(1), Sch. 11 para. 1(2); S.I. 2009/1604, [art. 2\(b\)\(d\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

The Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1992, Section 70A is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 13 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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

- Instrument excl by [1994 c. 33 s. 127\(8\)](#)
- Instrument restr (pt retrospect) by [1994 c. 33 s. 126\(1\)s. 126\(2\)\(b\)\(4\)](#)