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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups  
(Northern Ireland) Order 2007**

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**THE SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE  
GROUPS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2007**

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1. (1) This paragraph applies to a person if any of...

*Inclusion subject to consideration of representations*

2. (1) This paragraph applies to a person if any of...

*Behaviour*

3. (1) This paragraph applies to a person if—
4. (1) For the purposes of paragraph 3 relevant conduct is—...

*Risk of harm*

5. (1) This paragraph applies to a person if—

*Restriction on inclusion*

6. (1) IBB must not include a person in the children's...  
PART II — ADULTS' BARRED LIST

*Automatic inclusion*

7. (1) This paragraph applies to a person if any of...

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*Inclusion subject to consideration of representations*

8. (1) This paragraph applies to a person if any of...

*Behaviour*

9. (1) This paragraph applies to a person if—  
10. (1) For the purposes of paragraph 9 relevant conduct is—...

*Risk of harm*

11. (1) This paragraph applies to a person if—

*Restriction on inclusion*

12. (1) IBB must not include a person in the adults'...  
PART III — SUPPLEMENTARY

*Procedure*

13. (1) IBB must ensure that in respect of any information...  
14. When an individual is included in a barred list IBB...  
15. (1) The Secretary of State may, by regulations, make provision...

*Representations*

16. (1) A person who is, by virtue of any provision...  
17. (1) This paragraph applies to a person who is included...

*Review*

18. (1) A person who is included in a barred list...

*Information*

19. (1) IBB may require— (a) any person who holds records...  
20. (1) The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety...  
21. IBB must provide the Secretary of State with the prescribed...  
22. The Secretary of State must inform the Scottish Ministers if...  
23. IBB may— (a) at the request of the Secretary of...

*Prescribed criteria*

24. (1) The criteria which may be prescribed for the purposes...  
25. A court by or before which a person is convicted...

SCHEDULE 2 — REGULATED ACTIVITY

PART I — REGULATED ACTIVITY RELATING TO CHILDREN

*Regulated activity: general*

1. (1) An activity is a regulated activity relating to children...

*Activities*

2. (1) The activities referred to in paragraph 1(1) are—

*Establishments*

3. (1) The establishments referred to in paragraph 1(2) and (8)...

*Positions*

4. (1) The persons referred to in paragraph 1(7) are—
5. A person who is part of a group in relation...

*Exceptions*

6. The Secretary of State may, by order, provide that in...  
PART II — REGULATED ACTIVITY RELATING TO VULNERABLE ADULTS
7. (1) Each of the following is a regulated activity relating...
8. (1) The persons referred to in paragraph 7(9) are—
9. The Secretary of State may, by order, provide that in...  
PART III — THE PERIOD CONDITION
10. (1) The period condition is satisfied if the person carrying...

SCHEDULE 3 — APPROPRIATE VERIFICATION

PART I — DEFAULT POSITION

1. (1) A regulated activity provider obtains an appropriate verification in...
2. (1) A regulated activity provider obtains an appropriate verification in...
3. (1) This paragraph applies if— (a) a regulated activity provider...
4. (1) This paragraph applies if— (a) a regulated activity provider...

PART II — PRESCRIBED VERIFICATION

5. A regulated activity provider obtains an appropriate verification in accordance...
6. (1) This paragraph applies if— (a) a regulated activity provider...
7. (1) This paragraph applies if— (a) a regulated activity provider...

PART III — PRESCRIBED VERIFICATION

8. A regulated activity provider obtains an appropriate verification in accordance...
9. (1) This paragraph applies if— (a) a regulated activity provider...
10. (1) This paragraph applies if— (a) a regulated activity provider...

PART IV — DEFINITIONS AND POWER TO AMEND

11. In this Schedule “enhanced criminal record certificate” means—
12. For the purposes of this Schedule an enhanced criminal record...
13. For the purposes of this Schedule a regulated activity provider,...
14. The Secretary of State may by order amend the preceding...

SCHEDULE 4 — EMPLOYMENT BUSINESSES: FAILURE TO CHECK

*Offences*

1. (1) A person (P) who carries on an employment business...
2. (1) In such circumstances as are prescribed, a person (P)...

*Defences*

3. (1) P does not commit an offence under paragraph 1...

*Modified meaning of regulated activity*

4. For the purposes of this Schedule, Schedule 2 is modified...

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*Power to amend paragraph 2(1)(c)*

5. The Secretary of State may by order amend paragraph 2(1)(c)...

*Offence: acting for P etc*

6. If the commission of an offence under paragraph 1 or...

SCHEDULE 5 — VETTING INFORMATION

1. This is the table referred to in Articles 32 and...
2. The Secretary of State may by order amend any of...
3. (1) In entries 1 and 5 in the table the...
4. Parental responsibility has the same meaning as in the Children...
5. A regulated activity provider is an independent regulated activity provider...
6. An adult placement scheme is a scheme—

SCHEDULE 6 — TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

*Advice by IBB*

- 1, (1) IBB must provide the Department of Health, Social Services...

*Existing restrictions relating to children*

2. (1) This paragraph applies to a person who is—

*Existing restrictions relating to vulnerable adults*

3. (1) This paragraph applies to a person who is included...

*Existing restrictions: supplementary*

4. An order under paragraph 2 or 3 may—

*Modifications relating to monitoring*

5. (1) The Secretary of State may by order provide that...

SCHEDULE 7 — AMENDMENTS

*The Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(NI 2)*

1. (1) In Article 109 (persons disqualified from being private fosterer...

*The Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (NI 3)*

2. (1) In Article 70(2)(e) (regulations for prohibiting or restricting employment...

*The Police Act 1997 (c. 50)*

3. In section 126 after subsection (2) add—

*The Data Protection Act 1998 (c. 29)*

4. (1) In section 56 (prohibition of requirement as to production...

*The Health and Personal Social Services Act (Northern Ireland) 2001(c. 3)*

5. In section 5 after subsection (3) add—

SCHEDULE 8 — REPEALS

Explanatory Note