

SEXUAL OFFENCES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2008

S.I. 2008 No. 1769 (N.I. 2)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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POLICY BACKGROUND

The Provisions

Part 3 – Sexual offences against children

Assault

Article 14: Sexual assault of a child under 13

7.41. [Article 14](#) makes it an offence for a person to touch sexually a child under the age of 13. The meanings of "touching" and "sexual" are the same as for [Article 7](#). Whether or not the child consented to the act is irrelevant.