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Police Service of Northern Ireland Regulations 2005

PART III

Duty

Duty to carry out lawful orders

20. Every member shall carry out all lawful orders and shall at all times, punctually and promptly, perform all appointed duties and attend to all matters within the scope of his office as a constable.

Duty

21.—(1) The Secretary of State shall determine—

- (a) the normal periods of duty of a member;
- (b) the periods allowed for refreshment;
- (c) the variable shift arrangements which may be brought into operation by the Chief Constable;
- (d) the manner and timing of the publication of duty rosters and the matters to be contained therein;
- (e) the circumstances in which travelling time may be treated as duty; and
- (f) the circumstances in which a member is to be treated as if he were a night worker for the purposes of regulation 2(2) of the Working Time Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998⁽¹⁾.

(2) In making a determination under paragraph (1)(a) the Secretary of State may confer on the Chief Constable discretion to fix the time at which a period commences for the purposes of the determination and may determine the conditions subject to which that discretion is to be exercised.

(3) In making a determination under paragraph (1)(e) the Secretary of State may confer on the Chief Constable discretion to fix—

- (a) a limit on the travelling time which is to be treated as duty;
- (b) a limit on the amount of the expenses which may be reimbursed in respect of such travelling time.

(4) In this regulation “travelling time” means time spent by a member in travelling to and from his home—

- (a) where he is required to perform his normal daily period of duty in more than one tour of duty, between two tours; or
- (b) where he is recalled to duty between two tours of duty, in consequence of his recall.

Meetings of Police Association treated as police duty

22.—(1) The attendance of a member at one of the following meetings of the Police Association shall be treated as an occasion of police duty—

- (a) in the case of the Police Federation for Northern Ireland—
 - (i) meetings of a regional board or the annual conference of members of the regional boards;
 - (ii) an ordinary or annual meeting of the central committee or a sub committee meeting of the central committee;
 - (iii) subject to the approval of the Chief Constable, an ad hoc meeting or committee or sub committee meeting of a regional board or the central committee;
- (b) in the case of the Superintendents' Association—
 - (i) six one-day meetings annually of the executive committee;
 - (ii) any such additional meetings of the executive committee as may be held with the permission of the Chief Constable where he is satisfied that such meetings are necessary in the public interest and that the business for which they are called cannot reasonably be deferred until the next ordinary meeting of the committee; and
- (c) in the case of the Chief Police Officers' Staff Association—
 - (i) six one-day meetings annually of the executive committee;
 - (ii) the annual meeting of the annual general meeting.

(2) The attendance of a member at the annual meeting of the Joint Central Committee with the Joint Central Committee of the Scottish Police Federation and Joint Central Committee of the Police Federation of England and Wales, shall be treated as an occasion of police duty.

(3) Subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, after consultation with the Chief Constable, the attendance of a member at a meeting of the Police Association, other than such a meeting as is mentioned in paragraphs (1 or 2), shall be treated as an occasion of police duty.