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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2015 No. 225**

**POLICE**

**The Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (Codes of Practice) Order 2015**

*Made* - - - - *15th April 2015*

*Coming into operation* *1st June 2015*

The Department of Justice has, in pursuance of Articles 60, 60A, 65 and 66(6) of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(1), prepared and published draft codes of practice in connection with:

- (a) the exercise by police officers of statutory powers to stop and search (Code A);
- (b) searches of premises by police officers and seizure of property found by police officers on persons or premises (Code B);
- (c) the detention, treatment, questioning of persons by police officers (Code C);
- (d) the identification of persons by police officers (Code D);
- (e) the audio recording of interviews with suspects at police stations (Code E);
- (f) the visual recording of interviews with suspects at police stations (Code F);
- (g) the statutory power of arrest by police officers (Code G); and
- (h) the detention, treatment and questioning of persons under Section 41 of, and Schedule 8 to, the Terrorism Act 2000 (Code H).

and has considered representations made in accordance with Article 66(1) of that Order.

In pursuance of Article 66(3) of that Order the Department of Justice has laid a draft of each code of practice before the Assembly.

The Department of Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 66(4) of that Order, makes the following Order –

**Citation and commencement**

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (Codes of Practice) Order 2015, and shall come into operation on 1st June 2015.

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(1) [S.I. 1989/1341 \(N.I. 12\)](#). The functions of the Secretary of State under Articles 60, 60A, 65 and 66 were transferred to the Department of Justice by paragraph 14 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 ([S.I. 2010/976](#)).

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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### **Codes of Practice**

2. The codes of practice under Articles 60, 60A and 65 of the Order laid in draft before the Assembly on 5th May 2015 shall come into operation on 1st June 2015.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 15th April 2015.



*David Ford*  
Minister of Justice

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

This Order appoints 1st June 2015 as the date on which revised codes of practice under Articles 60, 60A and 65 of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 will come into operation. The revised codes will supersede the corresponding existing codes of practice.

The codes of practice are:

- (a) the exercise by police officers of statutory powers to stop and search (Code A);
- (b) searches of premises by police officers and seizure of property found by police officers on persons or premises (Code B);
- (c) the detention, treatment and questioning of persons by police officers (Code C);
- (d) the identification of persons by police officers (Code D);
- (e) the audio recording of interviews with suspects at police stations (Code E);
- (f) the visual recording of interviews with suspects at police stations (Code F);
- (g) the statutory power of arrest by police officers (Code G); and
- (h) the detention, treatment and questioning of persons under Section 41 of, and Schedule 8 to, the Terrorism Act 2000 (Code H).

The codes of practice are published by the Stationery Office and printed copies may be obtained from [www.tsoshop.co.uk](http://www.tsoshop.co.uk) or through customer services, email: [customer.services@tso.co.uk](mailto:customer.services@tso.co.uk) or phone: 0870 600 5522. The revised codes of practice will also be available on the Department of Justice website.