

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Police Service of Northern Ireland (Amendment) Regulations 2020

SR 2020 No. 13

1. Introduction

This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department of Justice to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.

The Statutory Rule is made under powers conferred by sections 25(1) and 26(1) of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998, and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

This Statutory Rule makes provision for members of the Police Service of Northern Ireland (“PSNI”) to reflect a decision by the UK Government to move the first bank holiday in May 2020 from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May.

This Regulation amends the definition of the first bank holiday in May 2020 only for:

- Police Service of Northern Ireland Regulations 2005; and
- Police Service of Northern Ireland and Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve (Injury Benefit) Regulations 2006.

The Regulation comes into operation on 1st April 2020.

3. Background

On the 7th June 2019 the UK Government announced that the first bank holiday in May 2020 would move from Monday 4th to Friday 8th May to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE day.

The amendment is intended to support PSNI operational planning for 2020.

4. Consultation

The Department has completed a targeted consultation process with policing stakeholders.

5. Equality Impact

This Statutory Rule applies equally to all PSNI officers, regardless of grouping. There is no adverse impact on those listed under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

6. Regulatory Impact

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this regulatory amendment as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

7. Financial Implications

There is no financial impact of making this amendment.

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

The proposed instrument is considered compatible with section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

9. EU Implications

Not applicable.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

This instrument introduces legislation governing leave allowances for police officers in Northern Ireland.

11. Additional Information

Not applicable.