

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules amend the Magistrates' Courts (Licensing) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1997 ([S.R. 1997 No. 62](#)) in consequence of amendments made to the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 ([1996 No. 3158 \(N.I. 22\)](#)) by the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 (c. 7) to—

- make provision for the procedure for an application under Article 58A of the 1996 Order for an order specifying part of the premises as being suitable for underage functions;
- make provision for the procedure for an application under Article 58B of the 1996 Order for authorisation to hold an underage function; and
- make amendments consequential to the repeal of Article 59 of the 1996 Order (Children's certificates).