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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2022 No. 253 (C. 25)**

**DOMESTIC ABUSE**

The Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings  
Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 (Commencement  
No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022

Made - - - - 20th October 2022

The Department of Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 40(4) of the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021(1), makes the following Order.

**Citation and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 (Commencement No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022.

(2) In this Order “the 2021 Act” means the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021.

**Commencement Information**

**I1** Art. 1 in operation at made date

**Appointed Day**

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of section 37 (Special measures directions in family proceedings) of the 2021 Act is 28th November 2022.

**Commencement Information**

**I2** Art. 2 in operation at made date

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**Changes to legislation:** *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 (Commencement No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022. (See end of Document for details)*

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 20th October 2022



*Naomi R Long*  
Minister of Justice

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order brings into operation section 37 of the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 (c. 2) which amends the Family Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 to require rules of court for family proceedings to make specific provision in relation to special measures for victims of domestic abuse.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDER

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

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Sections 1 to 27	21st February 2022	2022 No. 57 (C. 7)
Sections 30 to 32	21st February 2022	2022 No. 57 (C. 7)
Sections 34 to 35	21st February 2022	2022 No. 57 (C. 7)
Section 28	21st February 2022	2022 No. 59 (C. 8)

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