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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2024 No. 92 (C. 4)**

**PERIOD PRODUCTS (FREE PROVISION)**

The Period Products (Free Provision) (2022 Act)  
(Commencement No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024

Made - - - -

11 April 2024

The Executive Office, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 10(2) of the Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022(1) makes the following Order.

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Period Products (Free Provision) (2022 Act) (Commencement No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024.

**Appointed Day**

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of the following provisions of the Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 is 15 April 2024—

- (a) section 5 (Guidance); and
- (b) section 6 (Statement on arrangements).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Executive Office on 11 April 2024

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*Siobhan Broderick*  
A senior officer of the Executive Office

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made).

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order appoints 15 April 2024 as the day for the coming into operation of the following sections of the Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (the Act).

Section 5 places a duty on departments to publish and maintain guidance for specified public service bodies on the exercise of functions conferred on them by sections 2 and 6 of the Act; and to consult with specified public service bodies in respect of the guidance prior to doing so. Specified public service bodies to whom the guidance is issued must have regard to it as it relates to that body.

Section 6 places a duty on specified public service bodies to prepare a written statement in respect of arrangements for the provision of free period products; and to consult with its product users prior to doing so.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDER

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

The following provisions of the Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 have been brought into operation by a commencement order made before the date of this Order –

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 1(4) and (9)	26.06.2023	<a href="#">2023 No. 105 (C. 7)</a>

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