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**PRISON RULES**

RULES, DATED 25TH JUNE 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE PRISON ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1953.

The Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 13 of the Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953(a), and all other powers enabling it on that behalf, hereby makes the following Rules:—

*Citation*

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Prison (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1970.

(2) The expression “the Principal Rules” means the Prison Rules (Northern Ireland) 1954(b).

*Amendment of the Principal Rules*

2. For Rule 121 of the Principal Rules there shall be substituted the following Rule:—

“Separation  
from each  
other.

121.—(1) Untried prisoners shall be kept out of contact with convicted prisoners as far as this can reasonably be done.

(2) Nothing in this Rule shall require a prisoner to be deprived unduly of the society of other persons.”

3. At the end of paragraph (5) of Rule 25 of the Principal Rules there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

“(6) A prisoner who would otherwise be discharged on any of the following days:—

(a) Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday,

(b) any day which under the Bank Holidays Act 1871(c), or the Bank Holiday (Ireland) Act 1903(d), is a bank holiday, or is proclaimed to be a bank holiday, in Northern Ireland,

(c) in the case of a person who is serving a term of more than one month, any Saturday,

shall be discharged on the next preceding day, which is not one of those days.”

*Revocation*

4. The Principal Rules are revoked to the extent indicated in the Schedule.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs this 25th day of June 1970 in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. H. Parkes,  
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1953, c. 18.

(b) S.R. &amp; O. (N.I.) 1954, No. 7.

(c) 34 &amp; 35 Vict. c. 17.

(d) 3 Edw. 7. c. 1.

## SCHEDULE

RULE 4

## Revocations of the Principal Rules

RULES 121 and 122

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Rules but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These Rules make provision for the improvement of the conditions under which untried prisoners are held and permit the release on a working day of inmates who would otherwise be released at weekends or on public holidays.