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**2008 No.**

**The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act  
2000 (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2008**

**PART I**

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2008 and shall come into force on 1st July 2008.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

“the 2000 Act” means the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000;

“individual participant” means an individual who is an authorised participant by virtue of—

- (a) section 71H(3) of the 2000 Act<sup>(1)</sup>, or
- (b) section 71Z1(1)(a) of that Act (Irish citizen entering into a regulated transaction with a Northern Ireland participant);

“Northern Ireland participant” has the meaning given in section 71Z of the 2000 Act;

“Northern Ireland report” means a report to the Commission which is prepared by a Northern Ireland participant and contains, or purports to contain, information required to be given by Schedule 6A or 7A to the 2000 Act, but does not include a report required to be prepared by virtue of section 71Q of that Act<sup>(2)</sup>;

“prescribed bodies” has the meaning given by article 4(2);

“recordable transaction”, other than in Schedule 1, means a transaction which is required to be recorded in a Northern Ireland report;

“reporting period” has the meaning given by section 71M(3) of the 2000 Act<sup>(3)</sup> in relation to reports prepared pursuant to that section but, in relation to reports which contain, or purport to contain, information required to be given pursuant to Schedule 7A to the 2000 Act, it means each month; and

“selected Northern Ireland transaction” means a recordable transaction involving a Northern Ireland participant which is selected by the Commission for verification under article 8.

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(1) Section 71H was inserted by section 61 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22) (“the EA Act”) and provides that an authorised participant is a person who is a permissible donor within the meaning of section 54(2) of the 2000 Act.  
(2) Section 71Q and Schedule 6A were inserted by section 61 of the EA Act and Schedule 7A was inserted by Part 6 of Schedule 1 to that Act.  
(3) Section 71M was inserted by section 61 of the EA Act.

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**Draft Legislation:** This is a draft item of legislation. This draft has since been made as a UK Statutory Instrument:  
*The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Northern Ireland Political Parties) Order 2008 No. 1737*

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