

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 ([S.R. 2000/347](#)) (“the Flags Regulations”) make provision as to the flying of flags at government buildings in Northern Ireland, in particular by specifying in Part 1 of the Schedule the buildings at which flags must be flown on the days listed in Part 2 of the Schedule. Section 67(2) of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 ([c. 26](#)) provides for the Flags Regulations to apply to court houses as they apply to the government buildings specified in Part 1 of the Schedule to the Flags Regulations.

These Regulations amend Part 2 of the Schedule (days on which the Union flag is to be flown at full mast) to add several entries related to King Charles III, add an entry for the birthday of the Queen Consort, and update the date of the entry for the birthday of the Prince of Wales.

The Regulations also remove from the list in Part 2 of the Schedule redundant entries related to Her Late Majesty The Queen.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.