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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 23**

**PRISONS**

**The Prison (Amendment) Rules 1998**

*Made* - - - - - *9th January 1998*  
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*Coming into force* - - *2nd February 1998*

In exercise of the power conferred upon me by section 47 of the Prison Act 1952<sup>(1)</sup>, I hereby make the following Rules:

1. These Rules may be cited as the Prison (Amendment) Rules 1998 and shall come into force on 2nd February 1998.
2. After rule 43 of the Prison Rules 1964<sup>(2)</sup> there shall be inserted the following rule:

**“Close supervision centres**

**43A.**—(1) Where it appears desirable, for the maintenance of good order or discipline or to ensure the safety of officers, prisoners or any other person, that a prisoner should not associate with other prisoners, either generally or for particular purposes, the Secretary of State may direct the prisoner’s removal from association accordingly and his placement in a close supervision centre of a prison.

(2) A direction given under paragraph 1 of this rule shall be for a period not exceeding one month, but may be renewed from time to time for a like period.

(3) The Secretary of State may direct that such a prisoner as aforesaid shall resume association with other prisoners, either within a close supervision centre or elsewhere.

(4) In exercising any discretion under this rule, the Secretary of State shall take account of any relevant medical considerations which are known to him.”.

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(1) 1952 c. 52; section 47 was affected by an amendment to section 52(2) of that Act by section 66(4) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 (c. 80).  
(2) S.I.1964/388, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Rules.

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9th January 1998

*Jack Straw*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of  
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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Rules amend the Prison Rules 1964, as amended, by inserting a new rule 43A. Rule 43A governs the procedure to be followed where the Secretary of State authorises a prisoner's removal from association and his placement in a close supervision centre of a prison.