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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order appoints 15th April 2005 as the date on which the revised Code of Conduct under section 3(2) of the Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 (“the 1998 Act”), which provides guidance to persons organising a public procession or protest meeting and regulates the conduct of persons organising, taking part in or supporting such a procession or organising or taking part in such a meeting, is to come into operation. Article 3(2) of the Public Processions (Amendment)(Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (S.I.2005/857 (N.I. 2)) amended section 3(1)(b) of the 1998 Act to provide for the Code of Conduct to regulate the conduct of persons supporting a public procession.

The revised Code, which is issued by the Parades Commission for Northern Ireland (“the Commission”), replaces the Code of Conduct which was brought into operation on 31st July 1999 by the Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 (Code of Conduct) Order 1999 (S.I.1999/2116) (which is revoked by this Order).

The revised Code of Conduct is published by the Commission and copies may be obtained from the Commission at 12th Floor, Windsor House, Bedford Street, Belfast BT2 7EL.