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SCHEDULE

Amendment of Statutory Instruments and Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland relating to NCIS and NCS and in connection with SOCA

40.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), the table in Part 1 of the Schedule to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) Order 2003(1) is amended as set out in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) The entries in relation to the National Criminal Intelligence Service and the National Crime Squad are revoked.

(3) Before the entry in relation to the Serious Fraud Office insert—

- (a) in column (1) (relevant public authorities in Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the 2000 Act), "The Serious Organised Crime Agency";
- (b) in column (2) (prescribed offices etc.), "Senior Manager (Grade 2)";
- (c) in column (3) (urgent cases), "Principal Officer (Grade 3)";
- (d) in column (4) (grounds set out in the paragraphs of sections 28(3) and 29(3) of the 2000 Act for which an authorisation can be given), "(b)".

(4) An authorisation for the carrying out of directed surveillance granted under Part 2 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000(2) which—

- (a) is granted by a person designated for the purposes of section 28 of that Act by reference to the National Crime Squad or the National Criminal Intelligence Service, and
- (b) would be in force on 1st April 2006 but for the National Crime Squad, or as the case may be, the National Criminal Intelligence Service ceasing to exist,

shall be treated as granted by a member of the staff of the Serious Organised Crime Agency, designated for the purposes of that section by reference to the Serious Organised Crime Agency on the coming into force of this paragraph.

⁽**1**) S.I. 2003/3171.

⁽**2**) 2000 c. 23.