STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 1122

NORTHERN IRELAND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

The Northern Ireland (Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan) Act 2016 (Independent Reporting Commission) Regulations 2016

Made - - - - 15th November 2016

Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4(2) and (3)(b) of the Northern Ireland (Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan) Act 2016(**1**), makes the following Regulations.

A draft of these Regulations has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by each House of Parliament in accordance with section 10(2)(a) of that Act.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Northern Ireland (Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan) Act 2016 (Independent Reporting Commission) Regulations 2016 and come into force on the day on which the agreement relating to paramilitary activity(**2**) enters into force.

Exercise of functions of the Commission

2.—(1) The Commission must exercise its functions in the way which it considers is most appropriate with a view to supporting long term peace and stability in society and stable and inclusive devolved Government in Northern Ireland.

(2) In exercising its functions the Commission must not do anything which might have a prejudicial effect on the prosecution of crime.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) are in addition to the requirements of section 2 of the Northern Ireland (Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan) Act 2016.

(**1**) 2016 c. 13.

(**2**) See the definition of "agreement relating to paramilitary activity" in section 4(1) of the Northern Ireland (Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan) Act 2016. A copy of the agreement can be found at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-treaties#treaty-command-papers; the date on which the agreement enters into force will be published on the relevant page of UK Treaties Online which can be found at this link: https://www.gov.uk/uk-treaties.