STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2012 No. 86

CRIMINAL LAW

The Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

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Coming into operation 2nd April 2012

The Department of Justice makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 113B(9), 120ZA(1) and (2), 120AA(1), and 125(1) and (5) of the Police Act 1997(**1**) as modified by sections 126A of that Act(**2**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012, and shall come into operation on 2nd April 2012.

Amendment of the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Registration) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

2.—(1) The Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Registration) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007(**3**) are amended as follows—

(2) In Regulation 7(a), (b) and (c) for "at least 15 days prior to the end of the month following" in each place it appears substitute "not more than 30 days after".

(3) After Regulation 9 insert—

"**Refusal to register; minimum number of applications—**

9A. The Department of Justice may, in the case of an application for registration under section 120(2) of the 1997 Act, refuse to register a person who in the opinion of the Department is likely to countersign fewer than 20 applications in any period of twelve months."

(4) Regulation 11 and the Schedule are omitted.

(**1**) 1997 c.50; section 113B was inserted by 163(2) of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005; sections 120ZA and 120AA were inserted by section 328 of, and paragraph 1, 7, and 9 of Schedule 35 to, the Criminal Justice Act 2003.
(**2**) Section 126A was inserted by Article 12 of and paragraphs 38 of Schedule 14 to S.I. 2010/976.
(**3**) S.I. 2007/3283; the Secretary of State's functions under these Regulations are transferred to the Department of Justice by Article 17 of S.I. 2010/976.