STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2008 No. 458

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Mutual Recognition of Driving Disqualifications (Northern Ireland and Ireland) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

Made - - - - 21st November 2008
Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1(1)

The Department of the Environment makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 57(2)(b) and (4)(b) and 73(3) of the Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003(**1**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Mutual Recognition of Driving Disqualifications (Northern Ireland and Ireland) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 and shall come into operation on the date specified in Article 2(1) of the Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2008(**2**).

(2) In these Regulations "the Act" means the Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) applies to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Period served in Ireland

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), for the purpose of calculating the unexpired period of foreign disqualification pursuant to section 57(2) of the Act, the period to be treated as having been served in Ireland—

(a) commences on the day the disqualification came into operation in Ireland; and

(b) ends on the day immediately before the beginning of the relevant period of disqualification specified in section 57(5)(a) of the Act.

(2) In determining the period to be treated as having been served in Ireland, any time during which the operation of the disqualification imposed in Ireland is suspended is to be disregarded.

(**1**) 2003 c. 32*see* section 74(1) for the definition of "appropriate Minister" and "prescribed"
(**2**) S.I. 2008/3009 (C.130)
(**3**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)