STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2008 No. 141

DISABLED PERSONS

The Disability Discrimination (Guidance on the Definition of Disability) (Appointed Day) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008

Made - - - - 21st March 2008

The Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 3(9) and 67(2) and (3)(a) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995(**1**), and now vested in it(**2**).

In accordance with section 3(4) of that Act the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister has consulted with such persons as the Office considered appropriate in preparing a draft of the Guidance.

In accordance with section 3(5) of that Act the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister has published a draft of the Guidance and has considered such representations that were made to the Office about the draft and has modified the proposals as the Office considered appropriate in the light of those representations.

In accordance with section 3(6) of that Act the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister has laid a draft of the Guidance before the Assembly.

In accordance with section 3(8) of that Act no resolution has been made by the Assembly within the statutory period not to approve the draft and the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister has issued the Guidance in the form of that draft.

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Disability Discrimination (Guidance on the Definition of Disability) (Appointed Day) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008.

(2) In this Order—

"the 1995 Act" means the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

(**1**) 1995 c.50 as amended by S.I. 2006/ 312 (N.I. 1). Sections 3(9) and 67(2) and 3(a) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 are modified in their application to Northern Ireland by paragraphs 2(2) and 46 of Schedule 8

(**2**) *See*S.R. 1999 No. 481, Article 4(a) and Schedule 2, Part I for transfer of functions from the Department of Economic Development

(**3**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)