STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2007 No. 237 (C. 14)

JUSTICE

The Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (Commencement No.12) Order 2007

Made - - - - 29th March 2007

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 87 of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002(**1**).

1. This Order may be cited as the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (Commencement No.12) Order 2007.

2. The provisions of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 specified in the Schedule to this Order shall come into force on 16th April 2007.

Northern Ireland Office
29th March 2007

David Hanson
Minister of State

(**1**) 2002 c.26.

SCHEDULE

Article 2

PROVISIONS OF THE JUSTICE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 2002 COMING INTO FORCE ON 16TH APRIL 2007

1. Section 50 (Law Commission).
2. Section 51 (Duties of Commission).
3. Section 52 (Reports etc.).
4. Section 84(1) (Assembly Acts about judiciary, law officers and prosecutions).
5. Schedule 9 (Law Commission).
6. In Schedule 12 (minor and consequential amendments) –
   (a) paragraphs 3, 4, and 5;
   (b) paragraphs 7, 8, and 9; and
   (c) paragraphs 63 and 64 insofar as not already in force.
7. In Schedule 13 (repeals and revocations) the entries in respect of—
   (a) the Law Commissions Act 1965(**2**);
   (b) the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975(**3**); and
   (c) the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**4**) insofar as it extends to Article 34 of that Order.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force on 16th April 2007 the provisions of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 specified in the Schedule.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

(This note is not part of the Order)

Provision	*Date of Commencement*	*S.R. No.*
Section 1 (guarantee of continued judicial independence)	30.8.2005	2005 No. 391 (C. 30)
Section 2 (appointment and removal of judiciary: introductory)	15.6.2005	2005 No. 281 (C. 21)

(**2**) 1965 c.22.
(**3**) 1975 c.25.
(**4**) S.I. 1981/228 (N.I. 8).

Provision	*Date of Commencement*	*S.R. No.*
Section 3 (Judicial Appointments Commission) Section 5(2) to (9) (appointment to listed judicial offices)		
Section 9(1) to (3), (7) to (11) and (13) (lay magistrates)	1.9.2004	2004 No. 301 (C. 11)
Section 9(12) (lay magistrates: exercise of functions by Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justices of Appeal, judges of the High Court and county court judges) Section 10(1) to (5) and (7) (transfer of functions of justices of the peace) Section 10(6) (partially) Section 11 (transfer of functions of lay panellists)	1.4.2005	2005 No. 109 (C. 9)
Section 9(4), (5), (6) and (14) (lay magistrates) Section 17 (secretaries to Lord Chief Justice) Section 18(1) to (9) (qualification for appointment) Section 19 (judicial oath or affirmation) Section 21 (judicial pensions: pension sharing)	15.10.2002	2002 No. 319 (C. 27)
Section 12 (role of Lord Chief Justice) Section 13 (presiding county court judge) Section 14 (presiding resident magistrate) Section 15 (presiding lay magistrate) Section 16 (complaints about holders of judicial office) Section 18(10) (qualification for appointment: Crown Solicitor for Northern Ireland) Section 20 (Crown Solicitor)	3.4.2006	2006 No.124 (C.8)
Section 29 (Public Prosecution Service) Section 30(1) to (10) (Director of Public Prosecutions) Section 31 (conduct of prosecutions)	13.6.2005	2005 No. 281 (C. 21)