STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 268

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (Offensive Weapons) (Exemption) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997

Made - - - -	*2nd June 1997*
To be laid before Parliament	
Coming into operation	*25th July 1997*

The Secretary of State, in pursuance of Article 54(3)(*c*) of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(**1**), hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (Offensive Weapons) (Exemption) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 25th July 1997.

Exemptions

2. Article 54(1) of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (sale of knives or certain other articles with blade or a point to persons under sixteen) shall not apply to—

(a) a folding pocket-knife if the cutting edge of its blade does not exceed 7.62 centimetres (3 inches), or

(b) razor blades permanently enclosed in a cartridge or housing where less than 2 millimetres of any blade is exposed beyond the plane which intersects the highest point of the surfaces preceding and following such blades.

Marjorie Mowlam
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

Northern Ireland Office
2nd June 1997

(**1**) 1996/3160 (N.I. 24)