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The Prison Rules (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made . . . . . *3rd November* 1978
Coming into operation . . . *3rd November* 1978
To be laid before Parliament

The Secretary of State(a), in pursuance of section 13 of the Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953(b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Prison Rules (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 3rd November 1978.

2. In these Rules, the "principal Rules" means the Prison Rules (Northern Ireland) 1954(c) and "officer" means an officer within the meaning of those Rules.

3.—(1) Where any constable or other person, not being an officer, is employed by reason of any emergency to assist the governor of a prison by performing duties ordinarily performed by an officer, any reference in the relevant Rules to an officer shall be treated as including a reference to a constable or other person so employed.

(2) In this Rule, the "relevant Rules" means the principal Rules other than Rule 26 of those Rules (which relates to the hearing of disciplinary reports) and Part VII of those Rules (which contains general rules relating to prison staff).

4. Where, by reason of any emergency, it is impracticable or inexpedient to comply with any requirement of the principal Rules (not being a requirement required to be imposed by any enactment), the relevant provision shall have effect so as to require only such compliance (if any) as is practicable and expedient in all the circumstances.

Roy Mason
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

Northern Ireland Office
3rd November 1978

(a) Formerly the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland: *see* S.I. 1973/2163
(b) 1953 c. 18 (N.I.)
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1954 No. 7 (p. 543) as amended