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PRISONS

Prison (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1975

Made . . . . . *1st December* 1975

Coming into operation . . . *15th January* 1976

To be laid before Parliament

The Secretary of State(**a**) in pursuance of section 13 of the Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953(**b**) hereby makes the following rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These rules may be cited as the Prison (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 15th January 1976.

Amendment of the rule as to remission

2. For paragraph (2) of rule 25 of the Prison Rules (Northern Ireland) 1954(**c**) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

"(2) The remission granted shall not exceed one-half or, where the prisoner is serving a sentence for a term (as pronounced and not as reduced by section 26 of the Treatment of Offenders Act (Northern Ireland) 1968(**d**)) of more than one year, one-third of the total of the actual term and any period spent by the prisoner in custody after his conviction awaiting sentence which is taken into account under the said section 26.".

Merlyn Rees
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

Northern Ireland Office
1st December 1975

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This note is not part of the rules but is intended to indicate their general purport.*)

These Rules amend the Prison Rules (Northern Ireland) 1954 so as to increase from one-third to one-half the remission which can be granted in the case of sentences, or aggregate sentences, of one year or less.

(**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 by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969 No. 223 (p. 1019) and S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970 No. 166 (p. 983)
(**d**) 1968 c. 29 (N.I.)