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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 2984 (N.I. 22)**

**The Deregulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997**

- - - - - 17th December 1997

**Title and commencement**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Deregulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the expiration of two months from the day on which it is made.

**Interpretation**

2. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

**Credit unions**

3. The Credit Unions (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

**Industrial and Provident Societies**

4. The Industrial and Provident Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 is amended as set out in Schedule 2.

**Companies**

5. <sup>F1</sup> .....

**F1** [Art. 5](#) repealed (1.10.2009) by [Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), art. 2(2), [Sch. 2](#) (with art. 10)

**Gaming machines in registered clubs**

6. For Article 106(2) of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (maximum number of gaming machines permitted in registered clubs) there shall be substituted—

“(2) Not more than 3 gaming machines (or such other number as the Department may specify, by order subject to affirmative resolution) shall be made available for gaming on those premises.”.

### **Motor vehicle tests**

7.—(1) Article 64 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (supplementary provisions about test certificates) is amended as follows.

(2) After paragraph (1) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“(1A) A test certificate issued in respect of a vehicle within the period of one month ending immediately before the date on which Article 63 first applies to the vehicle shall be treated for the purposes of that Article as if issued at the end of that period.”.

(3) In paragraph (5) (which adapts provisions of the Article in relation to public service vehicles adapted to carry more than eight passengers) in sub-paragraph (a) (which substitutes two months for one month)—

(a) after “paragraphs” there shall be inserted “(1A),” and

(b) for “both places” there shall be substituted “each place”.

### **Repeal of the Rag Flock Acts, 1911 and 1928**

8. The Rag Flock Acts, 1911 and 1928 are hereby repealed.

### **Electricity: pre-payment meters: supply of certain goods and services**

9. In paragraph 13(2) of Schedule 7 to the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (pre-payment meter or other device not to be used to recover sum owing to electricity supplier otherwise than in respect of certain matters) for the words from “otherwise than” to the end there shall be substituted

“otherwise than in respect of—

(a) the supply of electricity;

(b) the provision of—

(i) an electric line or electrical plant; or

(ii) the meter or device in question; or

(c) the provision of any goods or services which—

(i) are intended or designed to secure or promote the efficient use of electricity;  
and

(ii) are of a description prescribed for the purposes of this sub-paragraph.” .

*Art. 10—Amendments*

*Art. 11—Repeals*