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PRISON RULES

RULES, DATED 19TH JANUARY, 1954, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION THIRTEEN OF THE PRISON ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1953.

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SCHEDULE

RESTRICTED DIETS

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Section thirteen of the Prison Act (Northern Ireland), 1953, and all other powers it thereunto enabling hereby makes the following Prison Rules:—

PART I

PRELIMINARY

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Prison Rules (Northern Ireland), 1954.

Citation, Commencement, Interpretation and Definitions

(2) These Rules shall come into force on 1st February, 1954.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of these Rules as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

(4) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say—

"Appellant" means a prisoner who is an appellant within the meaning of the Criminal Appeal (Northern Ireland) Act, 1930.

"Board of Visitors" in the application of Parts I to VII of these Rules to Borstal Institutions or Borstal Prisoners means a Visiting Committee appointed under Section 11 of the Act, and in application to any other prison or prisoners means a Board of Visitors appointed under Section 10 of the Act.

"Borstal Prisoner" means a young offender sentenced to Borstal training under Section 7 of the Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland), 1953.

"Civil Prisoner" means a person detained in a prison who is not serving a sentence, is not imprisoned in default of payment of a sum adjudged to be paid on conviction and is not subject to special treatment under any of the provisions of the Rules under any other description.

"Corrective Trainee" means a prisoner undergoing a sentence of Corrective training under Sub-Section (1) of Section 5 of the Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland), 1953.

"Legal Adviser" means, in relation to a prisoner, the prisoner's Counsel or solicitor.

"Officer" means any officer or servant of a prison.

"Preventive Detainee" means a prisoner undergoing a sentence of Preventive Detention under Sub-Section (2) of Section 5 of the Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland), 1953.

"Special Rule" means a Rule in Parts III to VI, inclusive, of these Rules.

"The Act" means the Prison Act (Northern Ireland), 1953.

"The Ministry" means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

Repeals

2. All previous Rules with respect to prisons, prisoners, prison officers and the powers and duties of Visiting Committees or Boards of Visitors are hereby revoked.

PART II

GENERAL RULES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS

Application of Part I

3. The Rules in this Part apply to all prisoners unless inconsistent with the Special Rules.

Classification

4.—(1) In order so far as possible to prevent moral contamination and to facilitate training the arrangements set out in the following paragraphs of this Rule shall be made in classifying convicted prisoners.

(2) Prisoners under 21 years of age shall be classified as Young Prisoners.

(3) Prisoners of 21 years of age and over who have not previously been in prison on conviction shall be classified as Star Prisoners unless the Governor considers that, in view of their record or character, they are likely to have a bad influence on others in that class. A prisoner of 21 years of age or over who has previously been in prison on conviction may also be classified as a Star Prisoner if the Governor is satisfied, having regard to the nature of the previous offence or to the length of time since it was committed, or to the prisoner's general record and character, that he is not likely to have a bad influence as aforesaid.

(4) Other prisoners shall be classified as Ordinary Prisoners.

(5) (*a*) The Governor may in his discretion at any time remove from the Young Prisoners' Class a prisoner of 17 years of age or over whom he regards as unsuitable by character for that class, and may transfer him to the Star Class.

(*b*) The Governor may in his discretion at any time transfer from the Star Class to the Ordinary Class a prisoner whose character has shown him to be unfit to associate with other prisoners of the Star Class.

(6) Arrangements shall be made to provide so far as practicable for the effective separation at all times of the three classes of convicted prisoners.

(7) The Ministry may set up such other classes of prisoners, or may authorise in particular cases such departures from the provisions of this Rule, as may in the opinion of the Ministry be desirable for the purposes of paragraph (1) of this Rule.

Privileges

5.—(1) The Ministry shall, in the interest of good conduct and training, establish at every prison such system or systems of privileges as may be appropriate for different classes of prisoners and different methods of training.

(2) Every such system may include arrangements under which money may be earned by prisoners under these Rules and may be spent on such articles and subject to such conditions as the Ministry may determine.

ACCOMMODATION

Sleeping Accommodation

6.—(1) No sleeping accommodation for prisoners shall be used unless it is approved by the Ministry as being of such size and as being lighted, warmed, ventilated, and fitted in such a manner as is requisite for health, and is furnished with the means of enabling prisoners locked therein to communicate at any time with an officer.

(2) Except in a Borstal Institution sleeping accommodation shall be provided for each prisoner in a separate cell:

Provided that where it is necessary the Ministry may authorise the accommodating of three or more prisoners in a cell or ward.

Beds and Bedding

7. Every prisoner shall be provided with a separate bed and with separate bedding adequate for warmth and health.

RECEPTION, REMOVAL AND DISCHARGE

Reception

Search

8.—(1) Every prisoner shall be searched when taken into custody by an officer, on reception into prison, and at such subsequent times as the Ministry may determine, and all unauthorised articles shall be taken from him.

(2) The searching of a prisoner shall be conducted in as seemly a manner as is consistent with the effectiveness of the search.

(3) A prisoner shall not be stripped and searched in the sight of another prisoner.

(4) A prisoner shall be searched only by, and in the presence of, officers of the same sex as the prisoner.

Retention of Property

9. All money, clothing, or other effects belonging to a prisoner which he is not allowed to retain shall be placed in the custody of the Governor, who shall keep an inventory thereof, which shall be signed by the prisoner.

Recording of Particulars

10. The name, age, height, weight, particular marks, and such other measurements and particulars as may be required in regard to a prisoner shall upon his reception, and from time to time, be recorded in such manner as the Ministry may determine.

Photographs and Finger-prints

11. A convicted prisoner may be photographed and finger-printed on reception and subsequently.

Baths

12. Every prisoner shall, unless exempted by the Governor or Medical Officer, take a hot bath on reception.