

*Draft Order laid before the Assembly under section 377ZA(4) and 459(7B) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 for approval*

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DRAFT STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2016 No. 0000**

**PROCEEDS OF CRIME**

The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations:  
Code of Practice) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

*Made* - - - - *xx xxxx 2016*  
*Coming into operation* *1st March 2016*

The Department of Justice makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 377ZA(4) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002(1) (“the Act”).

The Department of Justice has—

- (a) in accordance with section 377ZA(1) of the Act, made a code of practice in connection with the powers under the Act relating to investigations;
- (b) in accordance with section 377ZA(2) of the Act, published a draft of the code of practice, considered any representations made about the draft and, as the Department thought appropriate, modified the draft in the light of any such representations; and
- (c) in accordance with section 377ZA(3) of the Act, laid a draft of the code of practice before the Assembly.

In accordance with section 459(7B)(2) of the Act, a draft of this Order was laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the Assembly.

Accordingly, the Department of Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 459(2) of the Act, makes the following Order-

**Citation and commencement**

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations: Code of Practice) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 and it comes into operation on 1st March 2016.

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(1) 2002 c. 29. Section 377ZA was inserted by Article 12 of, and paragraphs 47 and 68 of Schedule 14 to, the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976) (“the 2010 Order”).  
(2) Section 459(7B) was inserted by paragraph 74(1) and (4) of Schedule 14 to the 2010 Order.