



Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 2

Advance notice of public processions and related protest meetings

[^{F1}7A. Meaning of “permitted electronic means” and “permitted electronic signature”

- (1) A notice is sent by “permitted electronic means” for the purposes of sections 6 and 7 if—
 - (a) it is sent by a specified form of electronic communication (within the meaning of the Electronic Communications Act 2000) and in accordance with specified requirements; and
 - (b) receipt of the notice is acknowledged in a specified manner.
- (2) For the purposes of sections 6 and 7, a “permitted electronic signature” is an electronic signature (within the meaning of section 7(2) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000) which complies with such conditions or requirements as may be specified.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2), “specified” means specified in a direction given by the Secretary of State.
- (4) A direction under this section may be varied or revoked by a subsequent direction.
- (5) Before giving or varying a direction under this section, the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) the Chief Constable;
 - (b) the Commission; and
 - (c) such other persons as the Secretary of State is satisfied should be consulted.
- (6) The Secretary of State must publish a direction under this section.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 7A inserted (11.3.2015) by [The Public Processions \(Electronic Communication of Notices\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/235\)](#), arts. 1(2), **4**

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