

SCHEDULES

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TRANSITIONAL AND SAVING PROVISIONS

Vulnerable and intimidated witnesses

2.—(1) The amendments made by sections 7 to 11 apply to proceedings instituted before the commencement of the amendment in question.

(2) But the amendments made by sections 7 to 11 do not affect the continued operation of a special measures direction given before the commencement of the amendment in question.

(3) Sub-paragraph (2) does not prevent an amendment made by sections 7 to 11 from applying after its commencement to—

- (a) the variation under Article 8 of the [Criminal Evidence \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1999 \(NI 8\)](#) of a special measures direction that was given in relation to a witness before the commencement of the amendment, and
- (b) the giving of a new special measures direction in relation to a witness (including the giving of a new direction in a case where a special measures direction given in relation to the witness in question has been discharged under Article 8 of that Order after the commencement of the amendment).

(4) In this paragraph “special measures direction” means a direction under Article 7 of the Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1999.