
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1978 No. 1909 (N.I. 28)

NORTHERN IRELAND

**The Shops
(Northern Ireland) Order 1978**

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made 20th December 1978

Coming into Operation 3rd January 1979

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 20th day of December 1978

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (a) and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Shops (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 and shall come into operation on the fourteenth day after the day on which it is made.

Interpretation

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

Six day trading

3. In section 1 of the Shops Act (Northern Ireland) 1946 (c)—

(a) after subsection (1) there shall be inserted the following subsection:—

“(1A) The district council may by order applying either throughout its district or in any specified part thereof exempt all shops or shops of any specified class from the operation of subsection (1) (a) of this section and, where the case requires, subsection (2) of section 2.”;

(a) 1974 c. 28.

(b) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.).

(c) 1946 c. 7 (N.I.).

(b) in subsection (4) for the words "A closing order" there shall be substituted the words "An order under this section".

N. E. Leigh,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order enables shops to stay open for six days a week if the district council has exempted them from the provisions of the Shops Act (Northern Ireland) 1946 which require them to close on one week day in every week, not later than one o'clock in the afternoon.