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SCHEDULE 2

AMENDMENTS OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1978(1)

4. After Article 27 there shall be inserted the following Article—

"Power of customs officer to detain articles and substances

- **27A.**—(1) A customs officer may, for the purpose of facilitating the exercise or performance by any enforcing authority or inspector of any of the powers or duties of the authority or inspector under any of the relevant statutory provisions, seize any imported article or imported substance and detain it for not more than two working days.
- (2) Anything seized and detained under this Article shall be dealt with during the period of its detention in such manner as the Commissioners of Customs and Excise may direct.
- (3) In paragraph (1) the reference to two working days is a reference to a period of forty-eight hours calculated from the time when the goods in question are seized but disregarding so much of any period as falls on a Saturday or Sunday or on Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971(2) in Northern Ireland."

(**1**) 1978 NI 9

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^{(2) 1971} c. 80