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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 1774**

**The Police (Health and Safety) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997**

**Application of Part II of Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 to police**

3. After Article 47 of the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 there shall be inserted the following Article—

**“Application of Part to police**

**47A.**—(1) For the purposes of this Part, a person who, otherwise than under a contract of employment, holds the office of constable shall be treated as an employee of the relevant officer.

(2) In this Article “the relevant officer”—

- (a) in relation to a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary or the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve, means the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary;
- (b) in relation to a person holding office under section 9(1)(b) of the Police Act 1997 (police members of the National Criminal Intelligence Service) means the Director General of the National Criminal Intelligence Service; and
- (c) in relation to any other person holding the office of constable, means the person who has the direction and control of the body of constables in question.

(3) For the purposes of regulations under Article 4(4) the Police Association for Northern Ireland shall be treated as a recognised trade union recognised by the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

(4) Regulations under Article 4(4) may provide, in relation to persons falling within paragraph (2)(b) or (c), that a body specified in the regulations is to be treated as a recognised trade union recognised by such person as may be specified.”