

SEXUAL OFFENCES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2008

S.I. 2008 No. 1769 (N.I. 2)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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POLICY BACKGROUND

The Provisions

Part 3 – Sexual offences against children

Rape and other offences against children under 13

Article 12: Rape of a child under 13

7.39. [Article 12](#) makes it an offence for a person intentionally to penetrate with his penis the vagina, anus or mouth of a child under the age of 13. Whether or not the child consented to this act is irrelevant.