

# SEXUAL OFFENCES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2008

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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### POLICY BACKGROUND

#### *The Provisions*

#### **Part 1 – Introductory**

#### *Article 2: Interpretation*

- 7.25. [Article 2](#) gives a number of definitions relevant to offences in the Order. *Paragraph (5)* is needed so that where, for example, a person consents at the time of entry to penetration, but then withdraws his consent and the penetration continues, the person penetrating may be guilty of rape or assault by penetration.