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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2008 No. 1769**

**The Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008**

**PART 6**

**MISCELLANEOUS SEXUAL OFFENCES**

*Other offences*

**Exposure**

- 70.**—(1) A person commits an offence if—
- (a) he intentionally exposes his genitals, and
  - (b) he intends that someone will see them and be caused alarm or distress.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this Article is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years.

**Voyeurism**

- 71.**—(1) A person commits an offence if—
- (a) for the purpose of obtaining sexual gratification, he observes another person doing a private act, and
  - (b) he knows that the other person does not consent to being observed for his sexual gratification.
- (2) A person commits an offence if—
- (a) he operates equipment with the intention of enabling another person to observe, for the purpose of obtaining sexual gratification, a third person (B) doing a private act, and
  - (b) he knows that B does not consent to his operating equipment with that intention.
- (3) A person commits an offence if—
- (a) he records another person (B) doing a private act, and
  - (b) he does so with the intention that he or a third person will, for the purpose of obtaining sexual gratification, look at an image of B doing the act, and
  - (c) he knows that B does not consent to his recording the act with that intention.
- (4) A person commits an offence if he installs equipment, or constructs or adapts a structure or part of a structure, with the intention of enabling himself or another person to commit an offence under paragraph (1).
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under this Article is liable—

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- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years.

### **Voyeurism: interpretation**

72.—(1) For the purposes of Article 71 a person is doing a private act if the person is in a place which, in the circumstances, would reasonably be expected to provide privacy, and—

- (a) the person's genitals, buttocks or breasts are exposed or covered only with underwear,
- (b) the person is using a lavatory, or
- (c) the person is doing a sexual act that is not of a kind ordinarily done in public.

(2) In Article 71, “structure” includes a tent, vehicle or vessel or other temporary or movable structure.

### **Intercourse with an animal**

73.—(1) A person commits an offence if—

- (a) he intentionally performs an act of penetration with his penis,
- (b) what is penetrated is the vagina or anus of a living animal, and
- (c) he knows that, or is reckless as to whether, that is what is penetrated.

(2) A person (A) commits an offence if—

- (a) he intentionally causes, or allows, A's vagina or anus to be penetrated,
- (b) the penetration is by the penis of a living animal, and
- (c) A knows that, or is reckless as to whether, that is what A is being penetrated by.

(3) A person guilty of an offence under this Article is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years.

### **Sexual penetration of a corpse**

74.—(1) A person commits an offence if—

- (a) he intentionally performs an act of penetration with his penis,
- (b) what is penetrated is a part of the body of a dead person, and
- (c) he knows that, or is reckless as to whether, that is what is penetrated, and
- (d) the penetration is sexual.

(2) A person guilty of an offence under this Article is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years.

### **Sexual activity in a public lavatory**

75.—(1) A person commits an offence if—

- (a) he is in a lavatory to which the public or a section of the public has or is permitted to have access, whether on payment or otherwise,

- (b) he intentionally engages in an activity, and
- (c) the activity is sexual.

(2) For the purposes of this Article, an activity is sexual if a reasonable person would, in all the circumstances but regardless of any person's purpose, consider it to be sexual.

(3) A person guilty of an offence under this Article is liable on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or both.

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