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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1996 No. 261**

**POLICE**

**Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland)  
Order 1989 (Codes of Practice) (No. 2) Order 1996**

*Made* - - - - *28th June 1996*

*To be laid before Parliament*

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Whereas—

(1) in pursuance of Article 60 of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989<sup>(1)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as “the Order”) the Secretary of State is under a duty to issue a code of practice in connection with the tape recording of interviews of persons suspected of the commission of criminal offences which are held by police officers at police stations:

(2) in pursuance of Article 66(1) of the Order the Secretary of State has prepared and published a draft code of practice in connection with the said matter and has considered representations made to him thereon and modified the draft code of practice accordingly:

(3) in pursuance of Article 65 of the Order the Secretary of State issued codes of practice in connection with the following matters—

- (a) the exercise by police officers of statutory powers—
  - (i) to search a person without first arresting him; or
  - (ii) to search a vehicle without making an arrest;
- (b) the detention, treatment, questioning and identification of persons by police officers;
- (c) searches of premises by police officers; and
- (d) the seizure of property found by police officers on persons or premises;

and may in pursuance of Article 66(6) of the Order revise the whole or part of such a code of practice and issue a revised code:

(4) in pursuance of Article 66(1) of the Order the Secretary of State has prepared and published draft revised codes of practice in connection with the matters specified in paragraph (3) and has considered representations made to him thereon and modified the draft revised codes of practice accordingly:

(5) in pursuance of Article 66(3) of the Order the Secretary of State has laid drafts of the code of practice referred to in paragraph(2) and of each revised code of practice referred to in paragraph (4) before both Houses of Parliament:

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Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 66(4) of the Order, hereby makes the following order:—