STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 314

POLICE

The Police and Criminal Evidence (Application to Police Ombudsman) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000

Made---23rd October 2000To be laid before ParliamentComing into operation6th November 2000

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Section 56(2) of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998(1) hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Police and Criminal Evidence (Application to Police Ombudsman) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 6th November 2000.

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires "the 1989 Order" means the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989.

"Officer" means an officer of the Ombudsman;

"Ombudsman" means the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland established under section 51 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998.

3.—(1) Subject to the modifications in paragraphs (2) and (3) and Schedule 2, the provisions of the 1989 Order contained in Schedule 1 which relate to investigations of offences conducted by police officers or to persons detained by the police shall apply to investigations conducted by officers which relate to matters of the Ombudsman under Part VII of the Police (N.I.) Act 1998.

(2) Where in the 1989 Order any act or thing is to be done by a constable or police officers of a rank specified in column 1 of Part II of Schedule 2, that act or thing shall be done by an officer of at least the grade specified in column 2 of Schedule 2 and the 1989 Order shall be applied as if that grade were specified in that Order.

- (3) Where any provision of the 1989 Order as applied to an officer-
 - (a) confers a power on an officer, and
 - (b) does not provide that that power may only be exercised with the consent of some person other than an officer

the officer may use reasonable force, if necessary, in the exercise of the power. 23rd October 2000

Peter Mandelson One of Her Majesty's Principal, Secretaries of State

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SCHEDULE 1

Provisions of the 1989 Order Applied to Officer of the Ombudsman

Article 3, Article 4, Article 5, Article 7 Article 10 Article 11(1) and (2) and Schedule 1, Article 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 Article 17 Article 18 Article 19(1)(b), (2), (3) Article 20(1) to (8) Article 21 Article 22 Article 23 Article 24(1) to (4), Article 25, Article 26, Article 27 Article 30 Article 31 Article 32(1) to (4)(*a*) and (5) to (14) Article 33 Article 34(1) to (9) Article 35(1) to (6) Article 40(2) and (3)Article 44 Article 45 Article 46 and 47 Article 49 Article 50 Article 51(*d*) Article 55 Article 56 Article 57(1) to (9) Article 59(1) to (11) Article 60, Article 61 Article 62(1) to (9)Article 63 and 63A Article Article 64(1) to (7)Article 65 and 66 Article 88

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SCHEDULE 2

Equivalent Grades of Officers

Where in the 1989 Order, an act or thing is to be done by a constable or police officer of the rank specified in column 1 below, that same act or thing shall, in the application of the 1989 Order be done by an officer of at least the grade specified in column 2 below.

Column 1	Column 2
Rank of constable or police officer	Grade of officer
Superintendent	Senior Investigation Officer
Inspector	Investigation Officer
Sergeant	Assistant Investigation Officer

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

Article 3 of the Order applies to officers of the Police Ombudsman, subject to specified modifications, provisions of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, contained in Schedule 1 to the Order, relating to investigation of offences and detention of persons by the police. Schedule 2 to the Order substitutes for police ranks, the equivalent of Ombudsman Officer grades.