

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend regulation 4(6) of the Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1973 to increase the period for which a security certificate of exemption remains in force.

Current certificates remain in force for a period of one year from the date of issue thereof, but may from time to time be renewed for a further period of one year. The amended wording of the certificate allows it to remain in force for a period of five years from the date of issue.

An impact assessment has not been prepared in respect of this Statutory Rule as it has no significant impact on the cost of business, charity or voluntary bodies.