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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2016 No. 436 (C. 35)**

**JUSTICE**

**The Justice (2015 Act) (Commencement  
No.9) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Made - - - - 12th December 2016*

The Department of Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 106(2) of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015<sup>(1)</sup>, makes the following Order.

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Justice (2015 Act) (Commencement No. 9) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.

**Appointed day**

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of Section 30 (the witness charter) of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 is 30th December 2016.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 12th December 2016



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Minister of Justice

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(1) 2015 c.9 (N.I.). There are amendments to the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 that are not relevant to this Order.

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings section 30 of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c.9) into operation on 30th December 2016.

Section 30 relates to a Witness Charter and the meaning of a witness. It places a duty on the Department to issue a Witness Charter setting out the services, standard of services and treatment of witnesses by criminal justice agencies. Section 30 also requires criminal justice agencies to have regard to the Charter in carrying out their functions.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Sections 28, 29 and 31 to 35	1st September 2015	2015 No 320 (C.26)
Sections 65(2)(h) and 69(1)	1st September 2015	2015 No 324 (C.27)
Sections 6(2) and (3) and 95	30th September 2015	2015 No 324 (C.27)
Section 37(partially), sections 38 to 40, sections 44 to 47, section 66 (partially), section 67 (partially), section 69 (so far as not already in operation), and Schedule 5 (partially)	2nd November 2015	2015 No. 358 (C.30)
Sections 94 and 96	29th January 2016	2015 No 418 (C.36)
Section 41 and Schedule 4	1st March 2016	2015 No 418 (C.36)
Section 48 and Schedule 6	14th March 2016	2016 No. 136 (C.8)
Sections 88 and 93	1st April 2016	2016 No 136 (C.8)
Section 49, section 51, section 54, section 105 (partially) and Schedule 9 (partially)	29th April 2016	2016 No 136 (C.8)
Sections 77 to 81	1st July 2016	2016 No 247 (C.19)
Sections 1 to 5, section 6 (1), section 53, section 92, section 104 and 105, Schedule 1, Schedule 8 (paragraphs 1 to 3) and Schedule 9 (Part 1)	31st October 2016	2016 No 387 (C.29)
Sections 55 to 68 and sections 70 to 76	1st December 2016	2016 No 417 (C.33)