

# Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

# **2002 CHAPTER 29**

### PART 4

CONFISCATION: NORTHERN IRELAND

# *Interpretation*

# 224 Conduct and benefit

- (1) Criminal conduct is conduct which—
  - (a) constitutes an offence in Northern Ireland, or
    - (b) would constitute such an offence if it occurred in Northern Ireland.
- (2) General criminal conduct of the defendant is all his criminal conduct, and it is immaterial—
  - (a) whether conduct occurred before or after the passing of this Act;
  - (b) whether property constituting a benefit from conduct was obtained before or after the passing of this Act.
- (3) Particular criminal conduct of the defendant is all his criminal conduct which falls within the following paragraphs—
  - (a) conduct which constitutes the offence or offences concerned;
  - (b) conduct which constitutes offences of which he was convicted in the same proceedings as those in which he was convicted of the offence or offences concerned;
  - (c) conduct which constitutes offences which the court will be taking into consideration in deciding his sentence for the offence or offences concerned.
- (4) A person benefits from conduct if he obtains property as a result of or in connection with the conduct.
- (5) If a person obtains a pecuniary advantage as a result of or in connection with conduct, he is to be taken to obtain as a result of or in connection with the conduct a sum of money equal to the value of the pecuniary advantage.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (6) References to property or a pecuniary advantage obtained in connection with conduct include references to property or a pecuniary advantage obtained both in that connection and some other.
- (7) If a person benefits from conduct his benefit is the value of the property obtained.