

*These notes refer to the Children and Families Act 2014  
(c.6) which received Royal Assent on 13 March 2014*

# **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ACT 2014**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **TERRITORIAL EXTENT AND APPLICATION**

#### *Northern Ireland*

37. [Section 94](#) gives the Secretary of State the power to regulate tobacco packaging if he or she considers that regulations may contribute to reducing the risk of harm to or promoting the health or welfare of children. The Secretary of State must obtain the consent of the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister before making regulations containing provisions which would be within the legislative competence of the Assembly.
38. [Part 6](#) of the Act (sections 107 to 116) reform the office of Children's Commissioner. These changes apply to the Commissioner's role in promoting and protecting the rights of children in Northern Ireland, but only in relation to non-devolved matters. In some cases section 126(3) and (4), in Part 7 of the Act, also extends to Northern Ireland.