

**1978 No. 485 (C. 10)****CRIMINAL LAW, NORTHERN IRELAND****The Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1976 (Commencement)  
Order 1978**

*Made - - - - 22nd March 1978*

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 7(4) of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1976(a), I hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1976 (Commencement) Order 1978.

2. Sections 5(1)(b) and 6(4)(b) of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1976 (which restrict the publication or broadcasting in Northern Ireland of certain matters in relation to rape offences tried by court-martial) shall come into force on 22nd April 1978.

*Roy Mason,*

One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State.

Northern Ireland Office.  
22nd March 1978.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order brings into force on 22nd April 1978 the remaining provisions of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1976 which, apart from those provisions, came into force on 22nd December 1976. The provisions brought into force by the Order restrict the publication or broadcasting in Northern Ireland of any matter likely to lead to the identification of the complainant or the accused in rape cases tried by court-martial.

Similar provisions in relation to trials for rape otherwise than by court-martial are contained in the Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978/460 (N.I. 5)), which also comes into operation on 22nd April 1978.

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