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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2001 No. 4058**

**The Public Records Act 1958 (Admissibility of Electronic Copies of Public Records) Order 2001**

**Electronic communication of authenticated copies of Public Records**

2.—(1) Section 9 of the Public Records Act 1958(1) (legal validity of public records and authenticated copies) shall be amended as follows.

(2) The words in subsection (2) from “In this subsection” to the end shall be re-numbered as subsection (4), and in that subsection for “In this subsection the reference” there shall be substituted “In this section any reference”.

(3) After subsection (2) there shall be inserted the following subsection:—

“(3) An electronic copy of or extract from a public record in the Public Record Office which—

- (a) purports to have been examined and certified as true and authentic by the proper officer; and
- (b) appears on a website purporting to be one maintained by or on behalf of the Public Record Office,;

shall, when viewed on that website, be admissible as evidence in any proceedings without further or other proof if the original record would have been admissible as evidence in those proceedings.”.