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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 3159**

**The Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1996**

**PART I**

**INTRODUCTORY**

**Title and commencement**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the expiration of 2 months from the day on which it is made.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In this Order—

“appeal”, except in Article 48(1), includes an appeal by way of case stated;

“bar” means an open bar;

“certificate of registration” means a certificate of registration issued under Article 6(1);

“children’s certificate” means a certificate granted under Article 33;

“the Department” means the Department of Health and Social Services;

“intoxicating liquor” has the same meaning as in the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.

“modify” means making additions, omissions, amendments or substitutions;

“notice” means notice in writing;

“official” means—

(a) in relation to a registered club, a person entered in the register of clubs as an officer or member of the committee of management or governing body of the club; and

(b) in relation to a club which has served a notice under paragraph 1(1)(a) of Schedule 2, an officer or member of the committee of management or governing body of the club;

“owner”, in relation to premises, means the person for the time being receiving the rack rent of the premises, whether on his own account or as personal representative, trustee, assignee, committee, liquidator, receiver or guardian, or who would so receive the same if the premises were let at a rack rent;

“permitted hours”, subject to Article 26, means the hours specified in Article 24;

“planning permission” has the same meaning as in the Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991;

“police sub-division”, in relation to a sub-divisional commander, means the sub-division for which that commander acts;

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations;

“registered club” means a club registered under this Order;

“registration period” means a period of 5 years beginning on 1st April 1998 or any quinquennial of that date;

“regulations” means regulations made by the Department subject I to negative resolution;

“renewal date” means 1st March;

“secretary” includes any officer of a club or other person performing the duties of secretary;

“sporting club” means a club occupying a hereditament to which Article 31 of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 applies (rates relief) being a hereditament which is used solely or mainly for the purposes of physical recreation;

“statutory provision” has the meaning assigned to it by section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954;

“sub-divisional commander” means a sub-divisional commander of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

(3) In this Order any reference, in relation to a club, to the register of clubs is a reference to the part of the register which relates to that club.

(4) In this Order any reference to a sub-divisional commander of a police sub-division includes a reference to any other member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary nominated by him.