
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes changes in the law in Northern Ireland relating to the powers of the police in the investigation of crime and to evidence in criminal proceedings.

Parts II to V deal with police powers to stop and search persons and vehicles, to enter and search premises, as well as powers of arrest and detention. Part VI is concerned with the questioning and treatment of the persons arrested and detained.

Under Part VII the Secretary of State is required to issue codes of practice for the detention, treatment, questioning and identification of persons by the police and for the searching of premises and the seizure of property by the police.

Part VIII deals with documentary evidence in criminal proceedings and Part IX with evidence generally in such proceedings.

Part X contains a number of general provisions relating to the police.