

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1989 No. 1341

The Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989

PART VII

CODES OF PRACTICE—GENERAL

Codes of practice

- 65.** The Secretary of State shall issue codes of practice in connection with—
- (a) the exercise by police officers of statutory powers—
 - (i) to search a person without first arresting him; ^{F1} . . .
 - (ii) to search a vehicle without making an arrest; ^{F2} or
 - (“ to arrest a person;]
 - (b) the detention, treatment, questioning and identification of persons by police officers;
 - (c) searches of premises by police officers; and
 - (d) the seizure of property found by police officers on persons or premises.

F1 Word in art. 65(a)(i) repealed (1.3.2007) by [Police and Criminal Evidence \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/288 \(N.I. 2\)\)](#), arts. 1(2), 37(2)(a), 41(2), **Sch. 2**

F2 Art. 65(a)(iii) and preceding word inserted (1.3.2007) by [Police and Criminal Evidence \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/288 \(N.I. 2\)\)](#), arts. 1(2), **37(2)(b)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Art. 65 applied (with modifications) (1.12.2007) by [Police and Criminal Evidence \(Application to Revenue and Customs\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2007 \(S.R. 2007/464\)](#), arts. 3-15, **Sch. 1**, Sch. 2
- C2** Art. 65 applied (with modifications) (18.5.2009) by [Police and Criminal Evidence \(Application to the Police Ombudsman\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2009 \(S.R. 2009/142\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. 1**, Sch. 2
- C3** Art. 65 modified (18.3.2011) by [Terrorism Act 2000 \(Remedial\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/631\)](#), art. 5, **Sch. 2 para. 3**

Codes of practice—supplementary

66.—(1) When the Secretary of State proposes to issue a code of practice to which this Article applies, he shall prepare and publish a draft of that code, shall consider any representations made to him about the draft and may modify the draft accordingly.

(2) This Article applies to a code of practice under Article 60^{F3}, 60A] or 65.

(3) The Secretary of State shall lay before both Houses of Parliament a draft of any code of practice prepared by him under this Article.

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(4) When the Secretary of State has laid the draft of a code before Parliament, he may bring the code into operation by order, subject to Article 89.

(5) An order bringing a code of practice into operation may contain such transitional provisions or savings as appear to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient in connection with the code of practice thereby brought into operation.

(6) The Secretary of State may from time to time revise the whole or any part of a code of practice to which this Article applies and issue that revised code; and the foregoing provisions of this Article shall apply (with appropriate modifications) to such a revised code as they apply to the first issue of a code.

[^{F4}(6A) Subject to paragraph (6B), the Secretary of State may by order subject to Article 89 provide that a code of practice for the time being in force is to be treated as having effect with such modifications as may be set out in the order.

(6B) The effect of the modifications made by an order under paragraph (6A) must be confined to one or more of the following —

- (a) the effect of the code during such period, not exceeding two years, as may be so specified;
- (b) the effect of the code in relation to such offences or descriptions of offender as may be so specified.]

^{F5}(7) A police officer shall be liable to disciplinary proceedings for a failure to comply with any provision of such a code, unless such proceedings are precluded by Article 22 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Order 1987^{F6}.

(8) Persons other than police officers who are charged with the duty of investigating offences or charging offenders shall in the discharge of that duty have regard to any relevant provision of such a code.

[^{F4}(8A) A person on whom powers are conferred or duties are imposed by a designation under section 30 or 31 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003 shall have regard to any relevant provision of a code of practice to which this Article applies in —

- (a) the exercise of the powers conferred on him by the designation;
- (b) the performance of the duties imposed on him by the designation.]

(9) A failure on the part—

- (a) of a police officer to comply with any provision of such a code; or
- (b) of any person other than a police officer who is charged with the duty of investigating offences or charging offenders to have regard to any relevant provision of such a code in the discharge of that duty, [^{F4};or]

[^{F4}(c) of a person designated under section 30 or 31 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003 to comply with paragraph (8A),]

shall not of itself render him liable to any criminal or civil proceedings.

(10) In all criminal and civil proceedings any such code shall be admissible in evidence; and if any provision of such a code appears to the court or tribunal conducting the proceedings to be relevant to any question arising in the proceedings it shall be taken into account in determining that question.

(11) In this Article “criminal proceedings” includes—

- (a) proceedings in Northern Ireland before a court#martial constituted under the Army Act 1955^{F7}, the Air Force Act 1955^{F8} or the Naval Discipline Act 1957^{F9F10} . . . ; and
- (b) proceedings in Northern Ireland before the Courts#Martial Appeal Court.

Para. (12) rep. by 2000 c. 11

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- F3** 2000 c. 32
- F4** 2003 c. 6
- F5** prosp. rep. by 1995 NI 17
- F6** 1987 NI 10
- F7** 1955 c. 18
- F8** 1955 c. 19
- F9** 1957 c. 53
- F10** 2001 c. 19

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