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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 1299**

**The Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996**

**PART IV**

**MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL**

*Prosecution of offences, etc.*

**Extension of certain offences to Crown servants and exemptions for regulators etc.**

**56.**—(1) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, Articles 44, 45, 46, 47(2), 48 and 53 shall apply to such persons in the public service of the Crown, or such categories of person in that service, as may be prescribed.

(2) Article 44 shall not apply—

- (a) to any person designated by regulations made by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this sub-paragraph; or
- (b) in such circumstances as may be prescribed, to any person who falls within such category of person as may be prescribed for the purposes of this sub-paragraph.

(3) The Secretary of State may designate, for the purposes of paragraph (2)(a), any person appearing to him to be performing regulatory, supervisory, investigative or registration functions.

(4) The categories of person prescribed by the Secretary of State, for the purposes of paragraph (2)(b), shall be such categories of person connected with the performance by any designated person of regulatory, supervisory, investigative or registration functions as he considers it appropriate to prescribe.

(5) In this Article—

“the Crown” includes the Crown in right of Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom; and

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State.

(6) Regulations under this Article shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament in like manner as a statutory instrument and section 5 of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 shall apply accordingly.