
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 1180

The Protection from Harassment (Northern Ireland) Order 1997

[^{F1}Restraining orders on acquittal

7A.—(1) A court before which a person (“the defendant”) is acquitted of an offence may, if it considers it necessary to do so to protect a person from harassment by the defendant, make an order prohibiting the defendant from doing anything described in the order.

(2) Paragraphs (3) to (7) of Article 7 apply to an order under this Article as they apply to an order under that one.

(3) Where the Court of Appeal allow an appeal against conviction they may remit the case to the Crown Court to consider whether to proceed under this Article.

(4) Where—

- (a) a county court allows an appeal against conviction, or
- (b) a case is remitted to the Crown Court under paragraph (3),

the reference in paragraph (1) to a court before which a person is acquitted of an offence is to be read as referring to that court.

(5) A person made subject to an order under this Article has the same right of appeal against the order as if—

- (a) he had been convicted of the offence in question before the court which made the order, and
- (b) the order had been made under Article 7.]

F1 [Art. 7A](#) inserted (30.9.2009) by [Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 \(c. 28\)](#), ss. 13(5), 60; [S.I. 2009/2501](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

The Protection from Harassment (Northern Ireland) Order 1997, Section 7A is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- art. 7A(2) words inserted by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) s. 210\(2\)](#) (W/E as mentioned in s. 210(3))

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 7(7)-(9) substituted for art. 7(7) by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) s. 210\(1\)\(b\)](#) (W/E as mentioned in s. 210(3)(4))