

PRISON (AMENDMENT) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004

S.I. 2004 704

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

THE MAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ORDER

Repeal of section 40 of the Prison Act (NI) 1953

Article 7 repeals a provision which provided that unconvicted prisoners can be permitted to receive pre-prepared foodstuffs purchased by others and provided for their consumption in prison. This removes the opportunity for illicit substances to be secreted in such goods. The repeal will not affect prisoners' ability to purchase foodstuffs through authorised channels in the prison.