

**THE PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY ACT 2001
(AMENDMENT) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2009**

S.I. 2009 No. 3017 (N.I. 2)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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POLICY BACKGROUND

- What is being done and why

7.1. Northern Ireland Ministers have given a commitment to extend the statutory scheme under the 2001 Act for the licensing of the private security industry by the SIA to Northern Ireland. Current interim arrangements under the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007 require persons offering or providing security guard services for reward to obtain a licence from the Secretary of State. As explained previously this Order is needed to make minor amendments to the 2001 Act to ensure that the licensing regime under the Act operates in Northern Ireland as it does in the rest of the United Kingdom.

- Consolidation

7.2. No consolidation is planned.