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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2022 No. 57**

**The Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings  
Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 (Commencement  
No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022**

**Appointed Day**

**2.** The day appointed for the coming into operation of the following provisions of the 2021 Act is 21st February 2022—

- (a) Section 1 (The domestic abuse offence);
- (b) Section 2 (What amounts to abusive behaviour);
- (c) Section 3 (Impact of behaviour on victim);
- (d) Section 4 (Meaning of behaviour etc.);
- (e) Section 5 (Meaning of personal connection);
- (f) Section 6 (Establishing connection by notice);
- (g) Section 7 (How notice is to be served);
- (h) Section 8 (Aggravation where victim is under 18);
- (i) Section 9 (Aggravation where relevant child is involved);
- (j) Section 10 (Behaviour occurring outside the UK);
- (k) Section 11 (Exception where responsibility for children);
- (l) Section 12 (Defence on grounds of reasonableness);
- (m) Section 13 (Alternative available for conviction);
- (n) Section 14 (Penalty for the offence);
- (o) Section 15 (Aggravation as to domestic abuse);
- (p) Section 16 (What amounts to the aggravation);
- (q) Section 17 (Exception regarding the aggravation);
- (r) Section 18 (Meaning of personal connection);
- (s) Section 19 (Establishing connection by notice)
- (t) Section 20 (How notice is to be served);
- (u) Section 21 (Meaning of ill-treatment etc. in offence provision);
- (v) Section 22 (No right to claim trial by jury);
- (w) Section 23 (Special measures directions);
- (x) Section 24 (Prohibition of cross-examination in person);
- (y) Section 25 (Meaning of offence involving domestic abuse etc.);
- (z) Section 26 (Information-sharing with schools etc.);
- (aa) Section 27 (Protective measures for victims of abuse);

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- (bb) Section 30 (Guidance about domestic abuse);
- (cc) Section 31 (Guidance on data collection);
- (dd) Section 32 (Training within relevant bodies);
- (ee) Section 34 (Report on the operation of this Part);
- (ff) Section 35 (Factors relevant to residence and contact orders);