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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2023 No. 142**

**The Justice (Sexual Offences and Trafficking Victims) (2022 Act) (Commencement No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2023**

**Transitional Provisions**

4. Section 19 (Serious sexual offences: exclusion of public from court) of the Act does not apply-
- (a) in relation to the Crown Court, to any trial where the accused (or, if more than one, any of the accused) was arraigned before 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023; and
  - (b) in relation to the Court of Appeal-
    - (i) to any hearing of an application for leave to appeal, or of an application for leave to refer a sentence under section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, where the application was made before 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023;
    - (ii) to any hearing of an appeal where the appeal was made either with leave granted on an application made before 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or by virtue of a certificate granted by the judge of the court of trial before that date; and
    - (iii) to any hearing of a reference under section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 where the reference was made with leave granted on an application made before 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Art. 4 in operation at made date

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Justice (Sexual Offences and Trafficking Victims) (2022 Act) (Commencement No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2023, Section 4.