

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Section 9(1) of the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007 provides that sections 1 to 8 of and Schedule 1 to that Act, which provide for trial on indictment without a jury (“the non-jury trial provisions”), shall expire at the end of the period of two years beginning with the day on which section 1 comes into force (“the effective period”). Section 1 came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2007.

Article 2 of this Order extends the effective period, which would otherwise end on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009. Section 9(3)(b) of the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007 provides that the effect of an order extending the effective period will be to extend it for the period of two years beginning with the time when the effective period would end but for the order. Accordingly the effect of this Order is to extend the effective period so that it ends on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011.