

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 3

Amendments relating to policing

*Civil Contingencies Act 2004*

103. After section 12 insert—

**“12A Northern Ireland: provision or disclosure of national security information**

(1) A Minister of the Crown may, for the purposes mentioned in subsection (2), make regulations addressing the provision or disclosure of national security information.

(2) Regulations under this section are to apply for the purposes of any regulations or order made by the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland under this Part; and any regulations or order made by the Department has effect subject to regulations under this section.

(3) “National security information” means information the disclosure of which to the public would, or would be likely to, adversely affect national security.

(4) Regulations under this section may (in particular)—

- (a) provide that national security information is not to be provided or disclosed, or is to be provided or disclosed only in specified circumstances or in a specified way, despite any provision of regulations or an order made by the Department of Justice;
- (b) provide that a certificate signed by a Minister of the Crown certifying that the disclosure of information to the public would, or would be likely to, adversely affect national security is conclusive evidence of that fact;
- (c) provide that such a certificate may identify the information to which it applies by means of a general description and may be expressed to apply to information within that description that comes into existence after the certificate is made;
- (d) confer other functions on a Minister of the Crown or any other specified person or body (and a function conferred may, in particular, be a power or duty to exercise a discretion).”