
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Article 2 of this Order commences section 62 of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (c. 9) (“the 2012 Act”) on 9th May which enables the code of practice on counter-terrorism stop and search powers to be laid before Parliament.

Article 3 commences a number of provisions of the 2012 Act on 1st July 2012, 2 months after the 2012 Act received Royal Assent. These provisions include Chapter 1 of Part 2 which regulates CCTV and other surveillance camera systems, Chapter 1 of Part 3 which makes provision relating to powers of entry, including the power to repeal powers of entry and the issuing of a code of practice for non-police agencies to govern the exercise of powers of entry, section 85 of the 2012 Act which provides a statutory basis for the recording of cautions and section 104 of the 2012 Act which extends freedom of information provisions to Northern Ireland bodies.

Article 4 commences substantive counter-terrorism stop and search provisions and provisions relating to pre-charge detention of terrorist suspects on 10th July 2012.