

Offensive Weapons Act 2019

2019 CHAPTER 17

PART 1

CORROSIVE PRODUCTS AND SUBSTANCES

Possession of corrosive substances

12 Search for corrosive substances: Northern Ireland

- (1) Article 3 of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (SI 1989/1341 (NI 12)) (power of constable to stop and search persons, vehicles etc) is amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (5).
- (2) In paragraph (2)(a), after "any article to which paragraph (9) applies" insert ", any substance to which paragraph (9ZA) applies".
- (3) In paragraph (3), after "any article to which paragraph (9) applies" insert ", any substance to which paragraph (9ZA) applies".
- (4) In paragraph (6), after "an article to which paragraph (9) applies" insert ", a substance to which paragraph (9ZA) applies".
- (5) After paragraph (9) insert—
 - "(9ZA) This paragraph applies to any substance in relation to which a person has committed, or is committing or is going to commit an offence under section 6 of the Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (offence of having a corrosive substance in a public place).
 - (9ZB) In this Article references to such a substance include an article which contains such a substance."
- (6) In Schedule 2A to the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003 (powers and duties of community support officer), after paragraph 17 insert—

"Powers in relation to corrosive substances

17A A CSO shall have the powers of a constable under Article 3 of the 1989 Order in relation to any substance to which paragraph (9ZA) of that Article applies."