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**The Limitation (Northern Ireland) Order 1989**

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**THE LIMITATION (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1989**

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1. Where the person bringing an action to recover land, or some person through whom he...
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4. The right of action to recover any land is, where— (a) the estate or interest...  
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1. Nothing in this Order affects the operation of section 10 of the Statute of Limitations,...
2. It is hereby declared that a decision taken at any time by a court to...
3. Notwithstanding anything in Article 59(4) or in the repeals made by this Order, the Statute...
4. Article 74(2)(c) is to be treated for the purposes of the Hovercraft Act...
5. In relation to a lease granted before the commencement of Article 6(3) of the Limitation...
6. (1) Nothing in this Order affects any right or title, subsisting immediately before the commencement...

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7. (1) Nothing in this Order— (a) enables any action to be brought which was barred...

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- art. 51A continued by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 10 para. 2\(11\)\(a\)](#)
- art.72Sch.3 para.1 revoked by [1996 c. 23 s.107\(2\)Sch.4](#)