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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 1351**

**The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups  
(Northern Ireland) Order 2007**

*Interpretation*

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2.—(1) Subject to Article 22(1), the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c. 33) applies to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

(2) In this Order—

“the 1972 Order” means the [Health and Personal Social Services \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1972 \(NI 14\)](#);

“the 2003 Order” means the [Health and Personal Social Services \(Quality, Improvement and Regulation\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2003 \(NI 9\)](#);

“the adults' barred list” must be construed in accordance with Article 6(1)(b);

“barred list” means the children's barred list or the adults' barred list;

“child” means a person who has not attained the age of 18;

“the Children Order” means the [Children \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1995 \(NI 2\)](#);

“the children's barred list” must be construed in accordance with Article 6(1)(a);

“employment agency” and “employment business” must be construed in accordance with Part II of the [Employment \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1981 \(NI 20\)](#);

“HSS body” means any of the following within the meaning of the 1972 Order—

- (a) a Health and Social Services Board,
- (b) a Health and Social Services trust;
- (c) a special health and social services agency;

“IBB” must be construed in accordance with Article 5;

“institution of further education” has the same meaning as in the [Further Education \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1997 \(NI 15\)](#);

“personal social services” has the same meaning as in the 1972 Order;

“personnel supplier” means—

- (a) a person carrying on an employment agency or an employment business, or
- (b) an educational institution which supplies to another person a student who is following a course at the institution, for the purpose of enabling the student to obtain experience of engaging in regulated or controlled activity;

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State;

“the Regulation and Improvement Authority” means the Northern Ireland Health and Personal Social Services Regulation and Improvement Authority;

“statutory provision” must be construed in accordance with section 1(f) of the [Interpretation Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1954 \(c,33\)](#);

“supervisory authority” must be construed in accordance with Article 47(7);

“vulnerable adult” must be construed in accordance with Article 3.

(2) A reference (however expressed) to a person being barred must be construed in accordance with Article 7.

(3) A reference to a person being subject to monitoring in relation to a regulated activity must be construed in accordance with Article 28.

(4) Nothing in this Order affects any power to provide information which exists apart from this Order.