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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 1351**

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

*Miscellaneous*

**Crown application**

**53.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Article, this Order and any regulations or orders made under it bind the Crown to the full extent authorised or permitted by the constitutional laws of Northern Ireland.

(2) No contravention by the Crown of any provision of this Order or of any regulations or order made under it makes the Crown criminally liable.

(3) Despite paragraph (2), this Order and any regulations or orders made under it apply to persons in Crown employment (within the meaning of the Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 16)) as they apply to other persons.

(4) Paragraph (2) of Article 10 does not apply in relation to any activity carried out by the Crown.

(5) Each government department and other body performing functions on behalf of the Crown—

(a) if the department or body engages in regulated activity, is the regulated activity provider in relation to the activity;

<sup>F1</sup>(b) .....

(6) In paragraph (5) “body” includes office-holder.

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Art. 53(5)(b) repealed (10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157)) by [Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(c. 9\)](#), s. 120, Sch. 9 para. 98, **Sch. 10 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(aa)(v)(bb)

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**Commencement Information**

**I1** Art. 53 wholly in operation; art. 53 not in operation at date of making see art. 1(3); art. 53 in operation for certain purposes at 14.4.2008 by [S.R. 2008/127](#), **art. 4(1)**; art. 53 in operation at 12.10.2009 in so far as it is not already in operation by [S.R. 2009/346](#), **art. 3**, Sch.

**Changes to legislation:**

The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007, Section 53 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 1 para. 5A inserted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 11\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 11A inserted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 11\(3\)](#)
- art. 32A32B substituted for art. 32-34 by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 9\(1\)](#)
- art. 35(3A)-(3D) inserted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 9\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- art. 36ZA inserted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 10](#)
- art. 50(2A) inserted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- art. 50(5)(b) and word inserted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13\(3\)\(f\)](#)
- art. 51(2A) inserted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- art. 51(5)(b) and word inserted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13\(4\)\(f\)](#)