

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

**2007 No. 1351**

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

*Restrictions on participating in regulated activity*

**Barred person not to engage in regulated activity**

- 11.**—(1) An individual commits an offence if he—
- (a) seeks to engage in regulated activity from which he is barred;
  - (b) offers to engage in regulated activity from which he is barred;
  - (c) engages in regulated activity from which he is barred.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (1) is liable—
- (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years, or to a fine, or to both;
  - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or to both.
- (3) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under paragraph (1) to prove that he did not know, and could not reasonably be expected to know, that he was barred from that activity.
- (4) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under paragraph (1) to prove—
- (a) that he reasonably thought that it was necessary for him to engage in the activity for the purpose of preventing harm to a child or vulnerable adult (as the case may be),
  - (b) that he reasonably thought that there was no other person who could engage in the activity for that purpose, and
  - (c) that he engaged in the activity for no longer than was necessary for that purpose.
- (5) For the purposes of this Article, Schedule 2 is modified as follows—
- (a) in paragraph 1, sub-paragraphs (1)(b) and (2)(a) must be disregarded;
  - <sup>F1</sup>(b) .....
  - <sup>F1</sup>(c) .....

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Art. 11(5)(b)(c) repealed (10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157)) by [Protection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. 80, **Sch. 10 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(aa)(v)(bb)

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PROSPECTIVE

**Person not to engage in regulated activity unless subject to monitoring**

<sup>F2</sup>12. ....

**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Art. 12 repealed (10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157)) by [Protection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. 81, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2\(aa\)\(v\) \(bb\)](#)

**Use of barred person for regulated activity**

- 13.—(1) A person commits an offence if—
  - (a) he permits an individual (B) to engage in regulated activity from which B is barred,
  - (b) he knows or has reason to believe that B is barred from that activity; and
  - (c) B engages in that activity.
- (2) A personnel supplier commits an offence if—
  - (a) he supplies an individual (B) to another (P),
  - (b) he knows or has reason to believe that P will make arrangements for B to engage in regulated activity from which B is barred, and
  - (c) he knows or has reason to believe that B is barred from that activity.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this Article is liable—
  - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years, or to a fine, or to both;
  - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or to both.
- (4) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under this Article to prove—
  - (a) that he reasonably thought that it was necessary for the barred person to engage in the activity for the purpose of preventing harm to a child or vulnerable adult (as the case may be),
  - (b) that he reasonably thought that there was no other person who could engage in the activity for that purpose, and
  - (c) that the barred person engaged in the activity for no longer than was necessary for that purpose.
- (5) For the purposes of this Article, Schedule 2 is modified as follows—
  - (a) in paragraph 1, sub-paragraphs (1)(b) and (2)(a) must be disregarded;
  - <sup>F3</sup>(b) .....
  - <sup>F3</sup>(c) .....

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### Textual Amendments

- F3** Art. 13(5)(b)(c) 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. 82, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2\(aa\)\(v\) \(bb\)](#)

PROSPECTIVE

### Use of person not subject to monitoring for regulated activity

- F4** 14. ....

### Textual Amendments

- F4** Art. 14 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. 83, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2\(aa\)\(v\) \(bb\)](#)

### Regulated activity provider: failure to check

- F5** 15. ....

### Textual Amendments

- F5** Art. 15 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. 84, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2\(aa\)\(v\) \(bb\)](#)

### Commencement Information

- I1** Art. 15 partly in operation; art. 15 not in operation at date of making see art. 1(3); art. 15(2) in operation for certain purposes at 29.5.2008 by [S.R. 2008/233, art. 4\(a\)](#)

### Personnel suppliers: failure to check

- F6** 16. ....

### Textual Amendments

- F6** Art. 16 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. 85, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2\(aa\)\(v\) \(bb\)](#)

### Commencement Information

- I2** Art. 16 partly in operation; art. 16 not in operation at date of making see art. 1(3); art. 16(1)(2) in operation for certain purposes at 29.5.2008 by [S.R. 2008/233, art. 4\(y\), art. 5\(d\)\(q\)](#)

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**Educational establishments: check on members of governing body**

<sup>F7</sup>17. ....

**Textual Amendments**

**F7** Art. 17 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. 86, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2\(aa\)\(v\) \(bb\)](#)

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**Commencement Information**

**I3** Art. 17 partly in operation; art. 17 not in operation at date of making see art. 1(3); art. 17(1)(5) in operation for certain purposes at 29.5.2008 by [S.R. 2008/233, art. 4\(b\)](#)

**Office holders: offences**

<sup>F8</sup>18. ....

**Textual Amendments**

**F8** Art. 18 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. 87, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2\(aa\)\(v\) \(bb\)](#)

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**Commencement Information**

**I4** Art. 18 partly in operation; art. 18 not in operation at date of making see art. 1(3); art. 18(1)(2)(3) in operation for certain purposes at 29.5.2008 by [S.R. 2008/233, art. 4\(c\)](#)

PROSPECTIVE

**Articles 17 and 18: checks**

<sup>F9</sup>19. ....

**Textual Amendments**

**F9** Art. 19 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. 88, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2\(aa\)\(v\) \(bb\)](#)

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

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- 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\(4\)\(f\)](#)