
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2008 No. 1216

The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008

PART 2

SENTENCING

CHAPTER 3

DANGEROUS OFFENDERS [^{F1}and other terrorist offenders]

Meaning of “specified offence” etc.

12.—(1) An offence is a “specified offence” for the purposes of this Chapter if it is a specified violent offence [^{F1}, a specified sexual offence or a specified terrorism offence].

(2) A specified offence is a “serious offence” for the purposes of this Chapter if it is an offence specified in Schedule 1.

(3) In this Chapter—

[^{F2}“determination of terrorist connection”, in relation to an offence, means a determination by the court that the offence has a terrorist connection under section 30 of the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008;]

“life sentence” means—

- (a) a sentence of imprisonment for life; or
- (b) a sentence of detention under Article 45(1) of the Criminal Justice (Children) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (NI 9);

“specified violent offence” means an offence specified in Part 1 of Schedule 2;

“specified sexual offence” means an offence specified in Part 2 of that Schedule.

[^{F3}“specified terrorism offence” means an offence specified in Part 3 of that Schedule.]

(4) References in this Chapter to conviction on indictment include references to a finding of guilt under Article 17 of the Criminal Justice (Children) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (NI 9).

(5) The Secretary of State may by order amend Schedules 1 and 2.

[^{F4}(6) Schedule 2A specifies certain terrorism offences, and other offences which may be determined to have a terrorist connection, for the purposes of various provisions of this Chapter and Chapter 4, and makes related provision.

(7) In this Chapter “serious terrorism offence” means—

- (a) an offence within Part 2 of Schedule 2A (terrorism offences punishable with life imprisonment); or
- (b) an offence within Part 3 of that Schedule (offences with possible terrorist connection punishable with life imprisonment) in respect of which a determination of terrorist connection is made.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [art. 12\(1\)](#) substituted (12.4.2019) by [Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 \(c. 3\)](#), [ss. 11\(2\)\(a\)](#), [27\(3\)](#) (with [s. 25\(5\)](#))
- F2** Words in [art. 12\(3\)](#) inserted (30.4.2021) by [Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Act 2021 \(c. 11\)](#), [ss. 3\(2\)\(a\)](#), [50\(1\)\(a\)](#)
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- F4** [Art. 12\(6\)\(7\)](#) inserted (30.4.2021) by [Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Act 2021 \(c. 11\)](#), [ss. 3\(2\)\(b\)](#), [50\(1\)\(a\)](#)

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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. 2 Pt. 1 para. 31A renumbered as 31(B) by [2022 c. 19 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 3\(a\)](#)
- art. 19(1A) inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) s. 82](#)
- art. 45(1A) inserted by [2011 c. 24 \(N.I.\) s. 58\(2\)](#)