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**2008 No.**

**The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008**

**PART 2**

**SENTENCING**

**CHAPTER 3**

**DANGEROUS 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 or a specified sexual 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—

“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.

(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.