



Psychoactive Substances Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 2

Powers for dealing with prohibited activities

34 Special measures for witnesses: Northern Ireland

- (1) Part 2 of the Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 ([S.I. 1999/2789 \(N.I. 8\)](#)) (special measures directions in the case of vulnerable and intimidated witnesses) applies to relevant proceedings under this Act as it applies to criminal proceedings, but with—
 - (a) the omission of the provisions of the Order of 1999 mentioned in subsection (2) (which make provision only in the context of criminal proceedings), and
 - (b) any other necessary modifications.
- (2) The provisions are—
 - (a) Article 5(4);
 - (b) Article 9(4C)(e);
 - (c) Article 10A;
 - (d) Article 20.
- (3) Rules of court made under or for the purposes of Part 2 of the Order of 1999 apply to relevant proceedings under this Act—
 - (a) to the extent provided by rules of court, and
 - (b) subject to any modifications provided by rules of court.
- (4) Section 47 of the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 (restrictions on reporting special measures directions etc.) applies with any necessary modifications—
 - (a) to a direction under Article 7 of the Order of 1999 as applied by this section;
 - (b) to a direction discharging or varying such a direction.

Sections 49 and 51 of that Act (offences) apply accordingly.

- (5) In this section “relevant proceedings under this Act” means—
 - (a) proceedings in Northern Ireland under section 18, 20, 28, 30 or 31, and

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- (b) proceedings in Northern Ireland arising by virtue of section 19 or 29.