

**1987 No. 198 (C.4)**

**PUBLIC ORDER**

**The Public Order Act 1986 (Commencement No. 2)  
Order 1987**

*Made* - - - - - *13th February 1987*

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 41 of the Public Order Act 1986(a), I hereby make the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Public Order Act 1986 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1987.

(2) In this Order “the 1986 Act” means the Public Order Act 1986.

2. The provisions of the 1986 Act specified in the Schedule to this Order shall come into force on 1st April 1987.

Home Office  
13th February 1987

*Douglas Hurd*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC ORDER ACT 1986 COMING INTO FORCE ON  
1st APRIL 1987.

<i>Provisions of the Act</i>	<i>Subject matter of provisions</i>
<b>In Part I-</b>	
Section 1	Offence of riot.
Section 2	Offence of violent disorder.
Section 3	Offence of affray.
Section 4	Offence involving fear or provocation of violence.
Section 5	Offence involving harassment, alarm or distress.
Section 6	Mental element for offences under sections 1 to 5.
Section 7	Procedure in connection with offences under sections 1 to 5.
Section 8	Interpretation of terms in Part I.
Section 9	Abolition of offences.
Section 10	Construction of "riot" and cognate expressions in other instruments.
<b>In Part II-</b>	
Section 12	Imposing conditions on public processions.
Section 13	Prohibiting public processions.
Section 14	Imposing conditions on public assemblies.
Section 15	Delegation of powers of Chief Officer of Police under sections 12 to 14.
<b>In Part III-</b>	
Section 17	Meaning of "racial hatred" in Part III.
Section 18	Offence of using racially inflammatory words or behaviour or displaying racially inflammatory written material.
Section 19	Offence of publishing or distributing racially inflammatory written material.
Section 20	Offence of giving a public performance of a racially inflammatory play.
Section 21	Offence of distributing, showing or playing a racially inflammatory recording.
Section 22	Offence of broadcasting a racially inflammatory programme or including such a programme in a cable programme service.
Section 23	Offence of possession of racially inflammatory material.
Section 24	Powers of entry and search.
Section 25	Power to order forfeiture.
Section 26	Savings for reports of parliamentary or judicial proceedings.
Section 27	Procedure in connection with and punishment for offences under sections 18 to 23.
Section 28	Liability of director and others where body corporate guilty of offence under Part III.
Section 29	Interpretation of terms in Part III.
<b>In Part V-</b>	
Section 39	Power to direct trespassers to leave land.
Section 40, to the extent not already in force	Amendments, repeals and savings.
Schedule 2, to the extent not already in force	Miscellaneous and consequential amendments.
Schedule 3, to the extent not already in force	Repeals.

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force on 1st April 1987 the provisions of the Public Order Act 1986 specified in the Schedule to the Order.

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### NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

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<i>Provisions</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Sections 11, 16 and 38 and section 40 partially, sections 41 to 43 and Schedule 1 and Schedules 2 and 3 partially	1.1.87	1986/2041

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