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Police Service of Northern Ireland (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022

1. Introduction

This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department of Justice to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.

The Statutory Rule is made under powers conferred by sections 25(1) and 26(1) of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998, and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

This Statutory Rule makes provision for changes to public holidays specified for members of the Police Service of Northern Ireland ("PSNI") in Regulations, to reflect the announcement of a public holiday for Monday 19th September, which is the date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral.

This Regulation amends the definition of public holidays for 2022, to include 19th September 2022 in:

- Police Service of Northern Ireland Regulations 2005; and
- Police Service of Northern Ireland and Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve (Injury Benefit) Regulations 2006.

The Regulation comes into operation on 17th September 2022.

3. Background

The UK Government has announced that Monday 19th September 2022, the date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral, will be a national bank holiday to mark the last day of the period of national mourning celebrate HM Queen's 70th anniversary as monarch.

The amendment is intended to support PSNI operational planning for 2022.

4. Consultation

The Department has completed an urgent targeted consultation process with policing stakeholders.

5. Equality Impact

This Statutory Rule applies equally to all PSNI officers, regardless of grouping. There is no adverse impact on those listed under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

6. Regulatory Impact

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this regulatory amendment as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

7. Financial Implications

The introduction of an additional bank holiday on Monday 19th September may incur additional cost. PSNI has advised that it is aware of the additional cost, and advice from the National Police Coordination Centre regarding associated costs, and will make arrangements to ensure that rostering for that period is adequate.

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

The proposed instrument is considered compatible with section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

9. EU Implications

Not applicable.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

This instrument introduces legislation governing leave allowances for police officers in Northern Ireland.

11. Additional Information

Not applicable.