1994 No. 48

POLICE

Royal Ulster Constabulary (Discipline and Disciplinary Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 1994

Made . . . . . *11th February 1994*

Coming into operation . . *31st March 1994*

To be laid before Parliament

The Secretary of State, in pursuance of sections 25 and 26 of the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(**a**), and after consulting the Police Authority and the Police Association in accordance with section 34(2) of the said Act, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Discipline and Disciplinary Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 1994 and shall come into operation on 31st March 1994.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations any reference to the principal regulations is a reference to the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Discipline and Disciplinary Appeals) Regulations 1988(**b**).

Disciplinary Hearings: Ranks of and below Chief Superintendent

3. Schedule 4 to the principal regulations shall be amended as follows—

(*a*) in paragraph 2 there shall be added at the end the words "The member who is senior in rank shall be chairman but if the members are of equal rank the chief constable shall designate one of them chairman.";

(*b*) in paragraph 6 in the first column (Description of officer or disciplinary board conducting the hearing)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (*a*) for the words "a chairman of a rank not lower than senior assistant chief constable and one other member" there shall be substituted the words "2 members"; and

(ii) in sub-paragraph (*b*) the words from "disciplinary board" to the end shall be omitted.

(**a**) 1970 c. 9 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1977/53 (N.I. 2) and S.I. 1987/938 (N.I. 10) and modified by S.I. 1973/2163

(**b**) S.R. 1988 No. 10, amended by S.R. 1989 No. 471

P. B. B. Mayhew
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

Northern Ireland Office
11th February 1994

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Discipline and Disciplinary Appeals) Regulations 1988 (the principal regulations).

Regulation 3 provides that the chairman of a disciplinary board appointed by the chief constable under paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 to the principal regulations shall be the member who is senior in rank or, if both members are of the same rank, shall be designated by the chief constable. The regulation also broadens the powers of a disciplinary board consisting of 2 members of a rank not lower than assistant chief constable to include dismissal and requirement to resign.