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SUPPLEMENT TO POSTAL VOTERS LIST (SPECIAL DIFFICULTY) ORDER 2007

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WHEREAS it appears to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government that, for certain persons whose religious beliefs preclude secular activities on 24 May 2007 to an extent that debars the exercise by them of their franchise, there is a special difficulty, NOW THEREFORE the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 164 of the Electoral Act 1992, hereby orders as follows—

1. This order may be cited as the Supplement to Postal Voters List (Special Difficulty) Order 2007.

2. Section 99(2) of the Electoral Act 1992 (inserted by section 25 of the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2001) shall apply to a person who is a Dáil elector subject to the following modifications—

- (a) in paragraph (a)—
 - (i) "is precluded by his religious beliefs from secular activities on 24 May 2007 to an extent that debars the exercise of their franchise" is substituted for "is employed by a returning officer for any purpose in connection with a Dáil election and is registered to vote in a constituency, other than the one in which the employment occurs",
 - (ii) the substitution of "Minister." for "Minister," and the deletion of the text from "and the returning officer" to the end of paragraph (*a*).
- (b) in paragraph (c), "to this order" is substituted for "to subsection (2)".

3. Section 15A(4) of the Electoral Act 1992 (as amended) is hereby further amended by the deletion of all words from "after" (where it first occurs) to the end of the subsection and the substitution therefor of "17 May 2007 shall not have effect in relation to the election of the 24 May 2007.".



GIVEN under my Official Seal, 9 May 2007

DICK ROCHE.

Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in "Iris Oifigiúil" of 11th May, 2007.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)

This Order provides that where certain persons are precluded from engaging in secular activities because of their religious beliefs and are thereby unable to vote at the general election on 24 May 2007 they may apply for inclusion in the supplement to the postal voters list.

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