Terrorist Content Online Regulation

Return under Articles 21 and 23 from Department of Justice, Ireland

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Ireland has designated An Garda Síochána, our national policing and security service, as the competent authority in respect of issuing removal orders under Article 12(1)(a) and our digital regulator, Coimisiún na Meán, as the competent authority in respect of the oversight of specific measures under Article 12(1)(c). It is the intention that the latter will also be designated as the competent authority in respect of the imposition of penalties under Article 12(1)(d) once primary legislation has been passed to empower it, and the legislative process in this regard is ongoing. A decision has yet to be made as to the identity of the competent authority to be designated under Article 12(1)(b).

Returns under Article 21(1) are as follows:

(a) An Garda Síochána has not at this time issued a removal order, so a nil return here.
(b) Coimisiún na Meán has not at this time taken a decision that a hosting service provider is exposed to terrorist content, so a nil return here.
(c) As no removal orders have been issued or specific measures taken, nil return here also.
(d) As no specific measures have been taken, nil return here also.
(e) Nil return.

In respect of the information sought under Article 23, An Garda Síochána informs us that it is aware of 16 notifications under Article 14(5) having been received by Europol since the application of the Regulation, but that none of these related to Ireland.