

**DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006**

S.I. 2006 No. 312 (N.I. 1)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES

Article 15: Power to modify or end small dwellings exemption

46. [Article 15](#) confers a power on the Department, by order, to amend the exemption for small dwellings for the purpose of restricting the cases in which the small dwellings exemptions are available; or by removing those exemptions.
47. The small dwellings exemption is set out in section 23 and Article 15. Broadly speaking, the exemption applies to owner-occupiers either where they share living accommodation with those not of their own household and let out accommodation to not more than two other households, or where there is not normally residential accommodation on the premises for more than six persons in addition to the landlord or manager and members of his household. Where the exemption applies, the DDA's provisions relating to premises generally do not apply.
48. Any order to modify or end any of those exemptions will be consulted on.