

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**SMOKING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006**

**INTRODUCTION**

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY OBJECTIVES**

**CONSULTATION**

**MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE ORDER**

**COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES**

Article 3: Smoke-free premises

Article 4: Exemptions

Article 5: Additional smoke-free places

Article 6: Vehicles

Article 7: No-smoking signs

Article 8: Offence of smoking in smoke-free place

Article 9: Offence of failing to prevent smoking in smoke-free place

Article 10: Fixed penalties for offences under Articles 7 and 8

Article 14: Sale of tobacco, to young persons

**COMMENCEMENT**