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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

## Section 15: Abandoned tenancies

Section 15 amends Article 41 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 to remove the legal requirement for the Housing Executive and registered housing associations to enter abandoned dwelling-houses before an abandonment notice can be served in relation to secure tenancies. Section 15 also amends Article 19A of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 to remove the same legal requirement in relation to introductory tenancies. The Housing Executive and registered housing associations continue to have power to enter such premises where this is necessary to make them safe.