These notes refer to the Carrier Bags Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (c.7) which received Royal Assent on 28 April 2014

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

## **Section 4** – Sellers

Section 4 amends paragraph 3 of Schedule 6 to the 2008 Act.

Paragraph 3 provides for a "seller" of goods to be defined in regulations. It also provides that the Department may use the regulations to apply the charge to a range of different sellers. These include all sellers of goods, sellers named in the regulations and sellers identified by reference to four specified factors - the place from which the goods are supplied, the type and value of goods supplied and the seller's turnover.

The purpose of the amendment is to add a further specified factor – the number of a seller's full-time equivalent employees. The amendment also sets out how the number of full-time equivalent employees is to be calculated.