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

## Carrier Bags Act (Northern Ireland) 2014

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

## Section 9 – Amendments of the 2013 Regulations

Section 9 amends the 2013 Regulations to:

- extend their scope from single use carrier bags to "carrier bags"; and
- amend the existing exemptions provision to add 2 additional exemptions for bags with a retail price of 20 pence or more and bags that are issued as free replacements for 'bags for life'.

The section also specifies that this extension of charging will commence on 19 January 2015.