

These notes refer to the Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.22) which received Royal Assent on 12 May 2016

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1: Meaning of “House in Multiple Occupation”

Section 2: Definition of living accommodation

Section 2 defines “living accommodation” for the purposes of **section 1**. A building, or part of a building, is living accommodation (i) if it is capable of being occupied as a separate dwelling **or** (ii) if it forms part of any building or group of buildings in single ownership and its occupants share a toilet, personal washing facilities or facilities for the preparation or provision of cooked food. “Single ownership” is defined in subsections (2) and (3) in a way which prevents avoidance of the legislation by artificially dividing ownership of a property between members of a family or connected companies.