
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 275

The Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

PART II

GAS SUPPLY AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

Other functions of Director

Power to require information, etc.

Para. (1) rep by 2003 NI 6

(2) Where a licence has been or is to be revoked, or has expired or is about to expire by effluxion of time, and it appears to the [^{F1}Authority], having regard to the duties imposed by [^{F2} Article 14 of the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003], to be requisite or expedient to do so for any purpose connected with the revocation or expiry, [^{F3}the Authority may by notice]—

- (a) require the licence holder to produce, at a time and place specified in the notice, to the [^{F4}Authority], or to any person so specified, any records which are specified or described in the notice and are in the licence holder's custody or under his control; or
- (b) require the licence holder to furnish to the [^{F4}Authority], or to any person specified in the notice, such information as may be specified or described in the notice, and specify the time, the manner and the form in which any such information is to be furnished.

(3) No person shall be required under this Article to produce any documents or records which he could not be compelled to produce in civil proceedings in the High Court or, in complying with any requirement for the furnishing of information, to give any information which he could not be compelled to give in evidence in any such proceedings.

(4) A person who without reasonable excuse fails to do anything required of him by notice under paragraph^{F2}. . . (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

(5) A person who intentionally alters, suppresses or destroys any document or records which he has been required by any notice under paragraph^{F2}. . . (2) to produce shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.

(6) If a person makes default in complying with a notice under paragraph^{F2}. . . (2), the High Court may, on the application of the [^{F5}Authority], make such order as the Court thinks fit for requiring the default to be made good; and any such order may provide that all the costs of and incidental to the application shall be borne by the person in default or by any officers of a company or other body or association who are responsible for its default.

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- F1** Word in art. 30(2) substituted (16.12.2020) by [The Gas \(Internal Markets\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/279\)](#), regs. 1, **4(3)(a)**
- F2** 2003 NI 6
- F3** Words in art. 30(2) substituted (16.12.2020) by [The Gas \(Internal Markets\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/279\)](#), regs. 1, **4(3)(b)**
- F4** Word in art. 30(2)(a)(b) substituted (16.12.2020) by [The Gas \(Internal Markets\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/279\)](#), regs. 1, **4(3)(c)**
- F5** Word in art. 30(6) substituted (16.12.2020) by [The Gas \(Internal Markets\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/279\)](#), regs. 1, **4(4)**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Instrument am. (pt.prosp.) by [1998 c. 41 s.66\(5\)Sch.10 Pt.III para.8](#)
- Instrument amended by [1998 c. 41 s.66\(5\)Sch.10 Pt.V para.18](#)
- Instrument rev. in pt. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 41 ss.66\(5\),74\(3\)](#), Sch.10, Pt.V, para.18, Sch.14, Pt.II

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 18(1A)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. 7(2)(b) (as substituted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 24](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)