
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 2778

**The Waste and Contaminated Land
(Northern Ireland) Order 1997**

**PART IV
GENERAL**

Supervision and enforcement

Powers of enforcing authorities and persons authorised by them

72.—(1) An authorised person may, on production (if so required) of his authority, exercise any of the powers in paragraph (2) for the purpose of—

- (a) determining whether any provisions of the pollution control statutory provisions in the case of an enforcing authority are being, or have been, complied with;
- (b) discharging one or more of the functions conferred or imposed on an enforcing authority by or under the pollution control statutory provisions; or
- (c) determining whether and, if so, how such a function should be discharged.

(2) The powers of an authorised person are—

- (a) to enter at any reasonable time (or, in an emergency, at any time and, if need be, by force) any premises which he has reason to believe it is necessary for him to enter;
- (b) on entering any premises by virtue of sub-paragraph (a), to take with him—
 - (i) any other person [^{F1}including,] if the authorised person has reasonable cause to apprehend any serious obstruction in the execution of his duty, a constable; and
 - (ii) any equipment or materials required for any purpose for which the power of entry is being exercised;
- (c) to make such examination and investigation as may in any circumstances be necessary;
- (d) as regards any premises which he has power to enter, to direct that those premises or any part of them, or anything in them, shall be left undisturbed (whether generally or in particular respects) for so long as is reasonably necessary for the purpose of any examination or investigation under sub-paragraph (c);
- (e) to take such measurements and photographs and make such recordings as he considers necessary for the purpose of any examination or investigation under sub-paragraph (c);
- (f) to take samples, or cause samples to be taken, of any articles or substances found in or on any premises which he has power to enter, and of the air, water or land in, on, or in the vicinity of, the premises;
- (g) in the case of any article or substance found in or on any premises which he has power to enter, ^{F2}. . . , to cause it to be dismantled or subjected to any process or test (but not so as to damage or destroy it, unless that is necessary);

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- (h) in the case of any such article or substance as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (g), to take possession of it and detain it for so long as is necessary for all or any of the following purposes, namely—
 - (i) to examine it, or cause it to be examined, and to do, or cause to be done, to it anything which he has power to do under that sub-paragraph;
 - (ii) to ensure that it is not tampered with before examination of it is completed;
 - (iii) to ensure that it is available for use as evidence in any proceedings for an offence under the pollution control statutory provisions in the case of the enforcing authority under whose authorisation he acts or in any other proceedings relating to a variation notice, enforcement notice or prohibition notice under those statutory provisions;
- (i) to require any person whom he has reasonable cause to believe to be able to give any information relevant to any examination or investigation under sub-paragraph (c) to answer (in the absence of persons other than a person nominated by that person to be present and any persons whom the authorised person may allow to be present) such questions as the authorised person thinks fit to ask and to sign a declaration of the truth of his answers;
- (j) to require the production of, or where the information is recorded in computerised form, the furnishing of extracts from, any records—
 - (i) which are required to be kept under the pollution control statutory provisions for the enforcing authority under whose authorisation he acts, or
 - (ii) which it is necessary for him to see for the purposes of an examination or investigation under sub-paragraph (c),
 and to inspect and take copies of, or of any entry in, the records;
- (k) to require any person to afford him such facilities and assistance with respect to any matters or things within that person's control or in relation to which that person has responsibilities as are necessary to enable the authorised person to exercise any of the powers conferred on him by this Article;
- (l) any other power for a purpose mentioned in paragraph (1) which is conferred by regulations.

(3) The powers which under paragraphs (1) and (2) are conferred in relation to any premises for the purpose of enabling an enforcing authority to determine whether any provision of the pollution control statutory provisions in the case of that authority is being, or has been, complied with shall include power, in order to obtain the information on which that determination may be made,—

- (a) to carry out experimental borings or other works on those premises; and
- (b) to install, keep or maintain monitoring and other apparatus there.

(4) Except in an emergency, in any case where it is proposed to enter any premises used for residential purposes, or to take heavy equipment on to any premises which are to be entered, any entry by virtue of this Article shall only be effected—

- (a) F3
- (b) either—
 - (i) with the consent of a person who is in occupation of those premises; or
 - (ii) under the authority of a warrant by virtue of Schedule 4.

- (5) Except in an emergency, where an authorised person proposes to enter any premises and—
 - (a) entry has been refused and he apprehends on reasonable grounds that the use of force may be necessary to effect entry, or

(b) he apprehends on reasonable grounds that entry is likely to be refused and that the use of force may be necessary to effect entry,

any entry on to those premises by virtue of this Article shall only be effected under the authority of a warrant by virtue of Schedule 4.

(6) Regulations may make provision as to the procedure to be followed in connection with the taking of, and the dealing with, samples under paragraph (2)(f).

(7) Where an authorised person proposes to exercise the power conferred by paragraph (2)(g) in the case of an article or substance found on any premises, he shall, if so requested by a person who at the time is present on and has responsibilities in relation to those premises, cause anything which is to be done by virtue of that power to be done in the presence of that person.

(8) Before exercising the power conferred by paragraph (2)(g) in the case of any article or substance, an authorised person shall consult—

(a) such persons having duties on the premises where the article or substance is to be dismantled or subjected to the process or test, and

(b) such other persons,

as appear to him appropriate for the purpose of ascertaining what dangers, if any, there may be in doing anything which he proposes to do or cause to be done under the power.

(9) No answer given by a person in pursuance of a requirement imposed under paragraph (2)(i) shall be admissible in evidence in Northern Ireland against that person in any proceedings.

(10) Nothing in this Article shall be taken to compel the production by any person of a document of which he would on grounds of legal professional privilege be entitled to withhold production on an order for discovery in an action in the High Court.

(11) Schedule 4 shall have effect with respect to the powers of entry and related powers which are conferred by this Article.

(12) In this Article and Schedule 4—

“authorised person” means a person who is authorised in writing by an enforcing authority for the purposes of this Article;

“emergency” means a case in which it appears to the authorised person in question—

(a) that there is an immediate risk of serious pollution of the environment or serious harm to human health, or

(b) that circumstances exist which are likely to endanger life or health,

and that immediate entry to any premises is necessary to verify the existence of that risk or those circumstances or to ascertain the cause of that risk or those circumstances or to effect a remedy;

“enforcing authority” means—

(a) the Department;

(aa) [^{F4}a district council in relation to Articles 4 and 5;]

(b) a district council in its capacity as an enforcing authority for the purposes of Part III; *Sub-para. (c) rep. by 1997 NI 19*

“pollution control statutory provisions”

(a) in relation to the Department, means—

(i) this Order; and

(ii) regulations made under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972, to the extent that the regulations relate to pollution;

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- (b) in relation to a district council, means—
- (i) Part III;
 - (ia) ^[F5]Articles 4 and 5;]
Sub-para. (b)(ii) rep. by 1997 NI 19
 - (iii) regulations made under ^[F6]^[F7]assimilated] obligations] , to the extent that the regulations relate to pollution;
- “premises” includes any land, vehicle, vessel or mobile plant.

(13) Nothing in section 98 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 shall apply to functions conferred on a district council under this Order, other than functions under Article 28.

- F1** Words in art. 72(2)(b)(i) substituted (25.6.2007) by virtue of Waste (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/611 (N.I. 3)), arts. 1(3), **18(1)(a)**; S.R. 2007/294, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F2** Words in art. 72(2)(g) repealed (25.6.2007) by Waste (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/611 (N.I. 3)), arts. 1(3), 18(1)(b), 20, **Sch.**; S.R. 2007/294, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F3** Art. 72(4)(a) repealed (17.10.2011) by Waste and Contaminated Land (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c. 5), ss. 11(2), 12(1), **Sch. 2**; S.R. 2011/312, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F4** Words in art. 72(12) inserted (2.1.2023) by Waste and Contaminated Land (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c. 5), **ss. 5(1)(a)**, 12; S.R. 2022/289, art. 2(b)
- F5** Words in art. 72(12) inserted (2.1.2023) by Waste and Contaminated Land (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c. 5), **ss. 5(1)(b)**, 12; S.R. 2022/289, art. 2(b)
- F6** Words in art. 72(12) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Environment (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/584), regs. 1, **12**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F7** Word in art. 72(12) substituted (1.1.2024) by The Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1424), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 40(2)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Art. 72 modified (12.7.2007) by Transfrontier Shipment of Waste Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/1711), reg. 51, **Sch. 5 para. 1** (with regs. 3, 10, Sch. 1)
- C2** Art. 72 applied (24.3.2012) by Quality of Bathing Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008/231), regs. 1(4), **18**
- C3** Art. 72 applied (31.7.2011) by Controls on Ozone-Depleting Substances Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (S.R. 2011/239), **reg. 14(4)** (with reg. 15)
- C4** Art. 72 extended (31.7.2011) by Controls on Ozone-Depleting Substances Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (S.R. 2011/239), **reg. 14(6)** (with reg. 15)
- C5** Art. 72 applied (31.7.2011) by Ozone-Depleting Substances (Qualifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (S.R. 2011/240), **reg. 7(3)** (with reg. 15)
- C6** Art. 72 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2018) by The Control of Mercury (Enforcement) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1200), regs. 2(2), **21(3)** (with reg. 1(2))

Power to deal with cause of imminent danger of serious pollution etc.

73.—(1) Where, in the case of any article or substance found by him on any premises which he has power to enter, an authorised person has reasonable cause to believe that, in the circumstances in which he finds it, the article or substance is a cause of imminent danger of serious pollution of the environment or serious harm to human health, he may seize it and cause it to be rendered harmless (whether by destruction or otherwise).

(2) As soon as may be after any article or substance has been seized and rendered harmless under this Article, the authorised person shall prepare and sign a written report giving particulars of the circumstances in which the article or substance was seized and so dealt with by him, and shall—

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- (a) give a signed copy of the report to a responsible person at the premises where the article or substance was found by him; and
- (b) unless that person is the owner of the article or substance, also serve a signed copy of the report on the owner;

and if, where sub-paragraph (b) applies, the authorised person cannot after reasonable inquiry ascertain the name or address of the owner, the copy may be served on him by giving it to the person to whom a copy was given under sub-paragraph (a).

- (3) In this Article, “authorised person” has the same meaning as in Article 72.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C7 [Art. 73](#) applied (with modifications) (1.4.2018) by [The Control of Mercury \(Enforcement\) Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1200\)](#), regs. 2(2), **21(3)** (with [reg. 1\(2\)](#))

[^{F8}Power of authorised officers of Department to stop vehicles

73A.—(1) An authorised officer may require any person driving a vehicle on a road or other public place to stop, and any person who fails to stop when he is so required shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

- (2) In this Article —

“authorised officer” means an officer of the Department who is authorised in writing for the purposes of this Article;

“public place” has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (NI 1).]

F8 [Art. 73A](#) inserted (25.6.2007) by [Waste \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/611 \(N.I. 3\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), **19**; S.R. 2007/294, **art. 2**, Sch.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C8 [Art. 73A](#) applied (with modifications) (1.4.2018) by [The Control of Mercury \(Enforcement\) Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1200\)](#), regs. 2(2), **21(3)** (with [reg. 1\(2\)](#))

Offences

74.—(1) It is an offence for a person intentionally to obstruct an authorised person in the exercise or performance of his powers or duties.

- (2) It is an offence for a person, without reasonable excuse,—

- (a) to fail to comply with any requirement imposed under Article 72;

- (b) to fail or refuse to provide facilities or assistance or any information or to permit any inspection reasonably required by an authorised person in the discharge of his functions under that Article; or

- (c) to prevent any other person from appearing before an authorised person, or answering any question to which an authorised person may require an answer under that Article.

- (3) It is an offence for a person falsely to pretend to be an authorised person.

- (4) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (1) shall be liable—

- (a) in the case of an offence of obstructing an authorised person in the exercise of his powers under Article 73—

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- (i) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years, or to a fine or to both;
 - (ii) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum;
 - (b) in any other case, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (2) or (3) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

[^{F9}(5A) Summary proceedings for an offence under paragraph (2) or (3) may be instituted at any time within 12 months after the commission of the offence.]

- (6) In this Article—
- “authorised person” has the same meaning as in Article 72;
 - “powers or duties” includes powers or duties exercisable by virtue of a warrant under Schedule 4.

F9 Art. 74(5A) inserted (25.6.2007) by [Waste \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/611 \(N.I. 3\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), **18(2)**; S.R. 2007/294, **art. 2**, Sch.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C9 Art. 74 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2018) by [The Control of Mercury \(Enforcement\) Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1200\)](#), regs. 2(2), **21(3)** (with reg. 1(2))

Evidence

Evidence in connection with certain pollution offences

75.—(1) Information provided or obtained pursuant to or under a condition of a relevant licence (including information so provided or obtained, or recorded, by means of any apparatus) shall be admissible in evidence in any proceedings, whether against the person subject to the condition or any other person.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), apparatus shall be presumed in any proceedings to register or record accurately, unless the contrary is shown or the relevant licence otherwise provides.

(3) Where—

- (a) under a condition of a relevant licence, an entry is required to be made in any record as to the observance of any condition of the relevant licence, and
- (b) the entry has not been made,

that fact shall be admissible in any proceedings as evidence that that condition has not been observed.

(4) In this Article—

“apparatus” includes any meter or other device for measuring, assessing, determining, recording or enabling to be recorded, the volume, temperature, radioactivity, rate, nature, origin, composition or effect of any substance, flow, discharge, emission, deposit or abstraction;

“condition of a relevant licence” includes any requirement to which a person is subject under or in consequence of a relevant licence;

“relevant licence” means—

- (a) a waste management licence under Article 6;

- (b) registration of a person as a carrier of controlled waste under Article 39.

Information

Disclosure of information

76.—(1) Notwithstanding any prohibition or restriction imposed by or under any statutory provision or rule of law, information of any description may be disclosed—

- (a) by the Department to a district council; or
(b) by a district council to the Department or to another district council,

for the purpose of facilitating the carrying out by the Department of any of its functions under this Order or by any district council of any of its functions under Part III; and no person shall be subject to any civil or criminal liability in consequence of any disclosure made by virtue of this paragraph.

(2) Nothing in this Article shall authorise the disclosure of information, disclosure of which would, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, be contrary to the interests of national security.

(3) No information disclosed to any person under this Article shall be disclosed by that person to any other person otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Article, or any other statutory provision which authorises or requires the disclosure, if that information is information—

- (a) which relates to a trade secret of any person or which otherwise is or might be commercially confidential in relation to any person; or
(b) whose disclosure otherwise than under this Article would, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, be contrary to the interests of national security.

(4) Any authorisation by or under this Article of the disclosure of information by or to any person shall also be taken to authorise the disclosure of that information by or, as the case may be, to any officer of his who is authorised by him to make the disclosure or, as the case may be, to receive the information.

(5) Information is for the purposes of this Article commercially confidential in relation to any person if its disclosure would prejudice to an unreasonable degree the commercial interests of that person.

F10 Charging schemes

F10 Art. 76A and cross-heading inserted (28.2.2022) by Environment Act 2021 (c. 30), ss. 65(1), 147(6) (with s. 144); S.R. 2022/54, art. 2(1)(k)

Power to make charging schemes

76A.—(1) As a means of recovering costs incurred by it in performing any functions mentioned in paragraph (2), the Department may require the payment to it of such charges as may be specified in or determined under a scheme made by the Department under this Article (referred to in this Article as a “charging scheme”).

- (2) The functions referred to in paragraph (1) are—
(a) functions related to—
(i) Article 4(1); or
(ii) regulation 18(1) of the Waste Management Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003;

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- (b) functions conferred by regulations made under Article 5G;
 - (c) functions conferred by regulations made under Schedule 4 or 5 to the Environment Act 2021;
 - (d) functions conferred by the End-of-Life Vehicles Regulations 2003;
 - (e) functions conferred by the End-of-Life Vehicles (Producer Responsibility) Regulations 2005;
 - (f) functions conferred by the Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009;
 - (g) functions conferred by the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013;
 - (h) functions in connection with the regulation of the importation or exportation of waste or the transit of waste for export.
- (3) In sub-paragraph (h) of paragraph (2) “importation”, “exportation”, “transit of waste for export” and “waste” have the meaning they have in section 141 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- (4) A charging scheme must specify, in relation to any charge prescribed by the scheme, the description of person who is liable to pay the charge.
- (5) A charging scheme may—
- (a) make different provision for different cases, including different provision in relation to different persons, circumstances or localities;
 - (b) provide for the times at which, and the manner in which, charges are to be paid;
 - (c) revoke or amend any previous charging scheme;
 - (d) contain supplemental, incidental, consequential or transitional provision for the purposes of the scheme.
- (6) Before making a charging scheme the Department must consult such persons as appear to the Department to be appropriate.
- (7) The Department must, when it makes or amends a charging scheme—
- (a) lay a copy of the scheme or amendments before the Assembly, and
 - (b) publish the scheme or the amendments.]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C10 Art. 76A(2)(c) modified (temp.) (28.2.2022) by Environment Act 2021 (c. 30), ss. 65(2), 147(6) (with s. 144); S.R. 2022/54, art. 2(1)(k)

Supplemental

Power to give effect to ^{F11}^{F12}assimilated] obligations] and other international obligations, etc.

77.—(1) Regulations may provide that the provisions of Part II shall have effect with such modifications as may be prescribed for the purpose of enabling Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom—

- (a) to give effect to any ^{F13}^{F14}assimilated] obligation] or exercise any related right; or
 - (b) to give effect to any obligation or exercise any related right under any international agreement to which the United Kingdom is for the time being a party.
- (2) In this Article—

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“regulations”

- (a) in relation to any [^{F15}[^{F16}assimilated] obligation] , means regulations made by the Department; and
- (b) in relation to any international agreement, means regulations made by the Secretary of State;

“related right”, in relation to an obligation, includes any derogation or other right to make more onerous provisions available in respect of that obligation.

(3) Regulations under this Article made by the Secretary of State shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament in the like manner as a statutory instrument and section 5 of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 shall apply accordingly.

- F11** Words in art. 77 heading heading substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Environment \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/584\)](#), regs. 1, **13(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F12** Word in art. 77 heading substituted (1.1.2024) by [The Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1424\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 40(3)**
- F13** Words in art. 77(1)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Environment \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/584\)](#), regs. 1, **13(b)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F14** Word in art. 77(1)(a) substituted (1.1.2024) by [The Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1424\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 40(3)**
- F15** Words in art. 77(2)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Environment \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/584\)](#), regs. 1, **13(c)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F16** Word in art. 77(2) substituted (1.1.2024) by [The Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1424\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 40(3)**

Offences by bodies corporate

78. For the purposes of this Order section 20(2) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 applies with the omission of the words “the liability of whose members is limited” and where the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, applies in relation to the acts or defaults of a member in connection with his functions of management as if he were a director of the body corporate.

Offences under this Order due to fault of others

79. Where the commission by any person of an offence under this Order is due to the act or default of some other person, that other person may be charged with and convicted of the offence by virtue of this Article whether or not proceedings for the offence are taken against the first-mentioned person.

Application to Crown

80.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Article, the provisions of this Order and of regulations and orders made under it shall bind the Crown including the Crown in right of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.

(2) No contravention by the Crown of any provision of this Order or of any regulations or order made under it shall make the Crown criminally liable; but the High Court may, on the application of the Department, declare unlawful any act or omission of the Crown which constitutes such a contravention.

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(3) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (2), the provisions of this Order and of regulations and orders made under it shall apply to persons in the public service of the Crown as they apply to other persons.

(4) If the Secretary of State certifies that it appears to him, as respects any Crown premises and any power of entry exercisable in relation to them specified in the certificate that it is requisite or expedient that, in the interests of national security, the powers should not be exercisable in relation to those premises, those powers shall not be exercisable in relation to those premises; and in this paragraph “Crown premises” means premises held or used by or on behalf of the Crown.

Financial provision

81. Any fees or other sums received by the Department under any provisions of this Order shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

Orders, regulations and directions

82.—(1) ^[F17]Except as provided by paragraph (1A),] Orders and regulations made by the Department under this Order shall be subject to negative resolution.

^[F18](1A) No order shall be made under Article 4A(10), 5A(10), 22B(5) or 42B(10) unless a draft of the order has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the Assembly.]

^[F19](1B) Paragraph (1) does not apply to regulations made by the Department under Article 5G that—

- (a) are the first set of regulations made under that Article,
- (b) provide for conduct to be a criminal offence which is not a criminal offence under existing regulations under that Article,
- (c) increase the maximum penalty for a criminal offence under existing regulations under that Article,
- (d) provide for conduct to be subject to a civil sanction (within the meaning given by Article 5H(4)) which is not subject to a civil sanction under existing regulations under that Article, ^[F20]or]
- (e) amend or repeal a provision contained in Northern Ireland legislation or an Act of Parliament, ^{F21}...

^{F21}(f)

(1C) Regulations to which paragraph (1) does not apply by virtue of paragraph (1B) may not be made unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before and approved by a resolution of the Assembly.]

^[F22](1D) Paragraph (1) does not apply to regulations made by the Department under Article 30 that provide for conduct to be subject to a civil sanction (within the meaning given by Article 30(2A)) which is not subject to a civil sanction under existing regulations under that Article.

(1E) Regulations to which paragraph (1) does not apply by virtue of paragraph (1D) may not be made unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before and approved by a resolution of the Assembly.]

(2) Any direction given under this Order shall be in writing and may be varied or revoked by subsequent directions.

(3) Paragraphs (4) and (5) apply to any direction given to any body or person under any provision of this Order being a direction to any extent so given for the purpose of implementing any obligations of the United Kingdom under the Community Treaties.

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(4) A direction to which this paragraph applies shall not be varied or revoked unless, notwithstanding the variation or revocation, the obligations mentioned in paragraph (3), as they have effect for the time being, continue to be implemented, whether by directions or any other instrument or by any statutory provision.

(5) Any variation or revocation of a direction to which this paragraph applies shall be published in such manner as the Department considers appropriate for the purpose of bringing the matters to which it relates to the attention of persons likely to be affected by them; and—

- (a) copies of the variation or revocation shall be made available to the public; and
- (b) notice of the variation or revocation, and of where a copy of the variation or revocation may be obtained, shall be given in the Belfast Gazette.

- F17** Words in art. 82(1) inserted (17.10.2011) by [Waste and Contaminated Land \(Amendment\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 5\)](#), ss. 11(1), 12(1), **Sch. 1 para. 4(a)**; S.R. 2011/312, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F18** Art. 82(1A) inserted (17.10.2011) by [Waste and Contaminated Land \(Amendment\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 5\)](#), ss. 11(1), 12(1), **Sch. 1 para. 4(b)**; S.R. 2011/312, **art. 2**, Sch.
- F19** Art. 82(1B)(1C) inserted (28.2.2022) by [Environment Act 2021 \(c. 30\)](#), **ss. 59(3)**, 147(6) (with s. 144); S.R. 2022/54, art. 2(1)(i)
- F20** Word in art. 82(1B)(d) inserted (29.6.2023) by [Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(c. 28\)](#), s. 22(1)(d), **Sch. 3 para. 2(a)**
- F21** Art. 82(1B)(f) and word omitted (29.6.2023) by virtue of [Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(c. 28\)](#), s. 22(1)(d), **Sch. 3 para. 2(b)**
- F22** Art. 82(1D)(1E) inserted (28.2.2022) by [Environment Act 2021 \(c. 30\)](#), **ss. 61(3)**, 147(6) (with s. 144); S.R. 2022/54, art. 2(1)(j)

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