

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

FORMAL INVESTIGATIONS AND NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICES

PART IV SUPPLEMENTARY

Restriction on disclosure of information

22.—(1) No information given to the Commission by any person (“the informant”) in connection with—

- (a) a formal investigation; or
- (b) the exercise of any of its functions in relation to non-discrimination notices, action plans and agreements under Article 7,

shall be disclosed by the Commission or by any person who is or has been a Commissioner, an additional Commissioner or an employee of the Commission.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to any disclosure made—

- (a) on the order of a court,
- (b) with the informant's consent,
- (c) in the form of a summary or other general statement published by the Commission which does not identify the informant or any other person to whom the information relates,
- (d) in a report of the investigation published by the Commission,
- (e) to a Commissioner, an additional Commissioner or an employee of the Commission, or, so far as is necessary for the proper performance of the Commission's functions, to other persons, or
- (f) for the purpose of any civil proceedings to which the Commission is a party, or of any criminal proceedings.

(3) A person who discloses information contrary to sub-paragraph (1) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Equality (Disability, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2000, Paragraph 22.