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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 1459**

**The Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006**

**PART IV**

**CERTIFICATES OF FITNESS AND RENT CONTROL**

**CHAPTER I**

**INTRODUCTORY**

**Interpretation: Part IV**

**30.**—(1) In this Part—

“certificate of fitness” has the meaning given in Article 36(4);

“notice of disrepair” means a notice under Article 19;

“notice of refusal” has the meaning given in Article 36(5);

“notice of unfitness” means a notice under Article 18;

“prescribed dwelling-house” has the meaning given in Article 31.

(2) Paragraph (3) applies where any question arises whether a dwelling-house was constructed before 6th November 1956 or provided by conversion of a building that was constructed before that date.

(3) It shall be assumed that the dwelling-house or building was constructed before that date unless the contrary is shown.

**Meaning of “prescribed dwelling-house”**

**31.**—(1) In this Part “prescribed dwelling-house” means a dwelling-house of a class or description prescribed by regulations made under this Article.

(2) In particular, such regulations—

(a) may prescribe a dwelling-house by reference to—

(i) any grant or payment having been made in respect of it under a statutory provision,

(ii) its age, or

(iii) the locality in which it is situated; and

(b) may provide that a dwelling-house is to be a prescribed dwelling-house for such period as may be prescribed.