

**STREET WORKS (AMENDMENT)  
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2007**

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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES**

***Article 20: Fees for inspections***

Article 20 replaces Article 35 of the 1995 Order with a new provision that enables the Department, by regulations, to require undertakers to pay to street authorities a prescribed fee in respect of different types of inspections, rather than pay the costs of the inspection. It also enables different provisions to be made between different descriptions of street authority and undertaker, with the undertaker's previous performance being taken into account. The regulations may also provide for disputes that are to be settled by arbitration.