
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Gas (Internal Markets) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020

Interpretation of Part II

4.—(1) In Article 3(1)—

- (a) after the definition of “the 2011 Regulations” insert—
 - ““the Authority” means the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation(1);”;
- (b) for the definition of “the Directive” substitute—
 - ““the Directive” means European Parliament and Council [Directive 2009/73/EC](#) concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas as amended by European Parliament and Council Directive 2019/692;”;
- (c) in the definition of “gas storage facility”—
 - (i) omit the words “(other than a facility in, under or over the territorial sea adjacent to Northern Ireland);”;
 - (ii) from the words from “not being” to the end of the definition substitute—
 - “but does not include—
 - (a) a pipe or other conduit for the conveyance of gas; or
 - (b) a facility that is an LNG facility;”.

(2) In Article 7 for “Director” in each place where it occurs in paragraphs (1) and (4) substitute “Authority”.

(3) In Article 30(2)—

- (a) for “Director” where it first occurs substitute “Authority”;
- (b) for “the Director may by notice signed by him” substitute “the Authority may by notice”;
- and
- (c) in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) for “Director” in each place where it occurs substitute “Authority”.

(4) In Article 30(6) for “Director” substitute “Authority”.

(5) In Article 35—

- (a) for “Director” in the heading and in each place where it occurs in the following provisions substitute “Authority”, that is to say in—
 - (i) paragraph (1);
 - (ii) paragraphs (3) to (6);
 - (iii) paragraph (8);
 - (iv) paragraphs (10) to (12); and
 - (v) paragraph 14; and

(1) Formerly the Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation see Article 3 of the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

- (b) in paragraph (7) for “him, the Director” substitute “it, the Authority”.
- (6) In article 36—
 - (a) for “Director” in each place where it occurs in the following provisions substitute “Authority”, that is to say in—
 - (i) paragraph (1);
 - (ii) paragraph (2); and
 - (iii) paragraph (7); and
 - (b) for paragraph (3) substitute—
 - “(3) Where the Authority proposes to give directions under paragraph (1), it shall be its duty before doing so to give to the applicant particulars of the modifications which it proposes to specify in the directions.”.
- (7) In Article 37—
 - (a) for “Director” in the heading and in each place where it occurs in the following provisions substitute “Authority”, that is to say in—
 - (i) paragraph (1);
 - (ii) paragraphs (3) to (5);
 - (iii) paragraph (7);
 - (iv) paragraphs (9) to (11); and
 - (v) paragraph 13; and
 - (b) in paragraph (6) for “him, the Director” substitute “it, the Authority”.
- (8) In Article 38(1) for “Director” in each place where it occurs substitute “Authority”.