
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes a number of transitional provisions and savings in relation to the coming into force of the new regulatory regime for the conveyance, supply and shipping of gas introduced by the Gas Act 1995 as from 1st March 1996. These are in addition to the provisions made by Schedule 5 to the 1995 Act and by the Gas Act 1995 (Transitional Provisions and Savings) (No. 1) Order 1996 (S.I.1996/219).

The Order makes provision for a number of rights and obligations acquired and incurred, and other things done, by or in relation to public gas suppliers under the Gas Act 1986 to have effect as if they had been done by or in relation to the appropriate successor entities (public gas transporters or gas suppliers) under the new regime. The Order also provides for outstanding applications for authorisations to supply gas under section 8 of the 1986 Act to have effect after 1st March 1996 as the appropriate applications for licences under the new regime.