
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

PART III

SAFETY

Information, hearings and notices

Notification of abandonment, cesser of use and beginning or resumption of use of pipe-lines or lengths thereof

59.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), in any of the following events, namely—

- (a) the beginning of the use of a pipe-line or a length thereof;
- (b) the abandonment of a pipe-line or a length thereof;
- (c) the expiration of 3 years from the date on which a pipe-line or a length thereof was last used;
- (d) the resumption of the use of a pipe-line or a length thereof after the abandonment of the line or length (as the case may be) or after the expiration of 3 years from the date on which it was last used,

the owner of the line shall, within 2 weeks after the happening of the event, give to the Department notice thereof specifying the date on which it happened and the line or length in question.

(2) Where a pipe-line or a length thereof is abandoned after the date on which the line or length (as the case may be) was last used but before the expiration of 3 years from that date, it shall not be necessary to give, under paragraph (1), notice of the expiration of that period.

(3) A person who fails to comply with paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.