

These notes refer to the Environmental Better Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.13) which received Royal Assent on 11 April 2016

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2 – Powers of Entry and Associated Powers

Section 7: Repealing, etc. unnecessary or inappropriate powers of entry, etc.

Section 7 gives the Department the power, exercisable by regulations, to remove from existing legislation powers to enter land or other premises which it considers to be either unnecessary or inappropriate. Such regulations may also remove associated powers, for example, a power to search or inspect the premises entered into or to seize material found in such premises; the term is defined in section 14(1). The power to remove an associated power may be exercised independently from the power to remove a power of entry (and vice versa). Section 7 also gives the Department the power to remove from existing legislation offences (as described in section 9(1)(b)) connected with the powers of entry and associated powers.