
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1984 No. 1822

The General Consumer Council (Northern Ireland) Order 1984

Title and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the General Consumer Council (Northern Ireland) Order 1984.

(2) This Article, Articles 2 and 3 and Schedule 1 shall come into operation on the fourteenth day after the day on which this Order is made and the remaining provisions of this Order shall come into operation on 1st April 1985.

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In this Order—

“the Council” means the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland;

“the Department” means the Department of Economic Development.

Establishment of General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland

3.—(1) There shall be established a body to be called the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland.

(2) Schedule 1 shall have effect in relation to the Council.

General functions of the Council

4.—(1) The functions of the Council shall be—

- (a) to promote and safeguard the interests of consumers in Northern Ireland;
- (b) without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (a), to exercise such specific functions as are conferred on it by Articles 5,^{F1} . . . and 7.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), in the exercise of its functions under this Order, the Council may—

- (a) consider any complaint made to it relating to consumer affairs and, where it appears to the Council to be appropriate having regard to any other remedy which may be available to the complainant, investigate the complaint and take such further action in relation thereto as the Council may determine;
- (b) carry out, or assist in the carrying out of, inquiries and research into matters relating to consumer affairs;
- (c) promote discussion of, and the dissemination of information relating to, consumer affairs;
- (d) report to a Northern Ireland department on any matter relating to consumer affairs which is referred to the Council by that department.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Art. 4 excluded (1.4.2007) by Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3336 (N.I. 21)), arts. 1(2), **45(8)** (with arts. 8(8), 121(3), 307); S.R. 2007/194, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 1 Pt. II (subject to art. 3, Sch. 2)

Functions of the Council in relation to transport

5.—(1) The Council shall consider and, where it appears to it to be desirable, make recommendations with respect to any matter affecting road or railway passenger transport services and facilities in Northern Ireland and services and facilities provided for passengers travelling to and from Northern Ireland.

(2) The Transport Users' Committee established under section 1 of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 is hereby abolished and the Council shall exercise the functions heretofore exercisable by the Transport Users' Committee under sections 6(2) and (3), 59(1) and (2) and 60(2) of that Act.

Para.(3)—Amendments

Art.6 rep. by 1992 NI 1

Functions of the Council in relation to agricultural marketing schemes

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- F2** Art. 7 repealed (1.10.2006) by Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16), ss. 105, 107(8)(c), Sch. 11 para. 106, **Sch. 12**; S.I. 2006/2541, **art. 2** (with art. 3)

Article 8—Repeals

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The General Consumer Council (Northern Ireland) Order 1984.