
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 275

The Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

**PART IV
SUPPLEMENTAL**

Regulations and orders

69.—(1) Any regulations or orders made by the Department under this Order (other than vesting orders under Part I of Schedule 2 or orders to which paragraph (2) applies) shall be subject to negative resolution.

(2) The Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 shall not apply to any order made by the Department under—

- (a) Article 7; or
- (b) paragraph 13(6) of Schedule 3.

(3) Any regulations made by the Director under this Order shall be laid before the Assembly by the Department and shall be subject to negative resolution.

(4) Regulations made under any provision of this Order may provide for the determination of questions of fact or of law which may arise in giving effect to the regulations and for regulating (otherwise than in relation to any court proceedings) any matters relating to the practice and procedure to be followed in connection with the determination of such questions, including provision—

- (a) as to the mode of proof of any matter;
- (b) as to parties and their representation;
- (c) for the right to appear before and be heard by the Department, the Director and other authorities; and
- (d) as to awarding costs of proceedings for the determination of such questions, including the amount of the costs and the enforcement of the awards.

(5) Regulations made under any provision of this Order which prescribe a period within which things are to be done may provide for extending the period so prescribed.

(6) Regulations made under any provision of this Order may—

- (a) provide for anything falling to be determined under the regulations to be determined by such persons, in accordance with such procedure and by reference to such matters and to the opinion of such persons as may be prescribed;
- (b) make such supplemental, consequential and transitional provision as the Department or, as the case may be, the Director considers appropriate.

(7) Regulations made under any provision of this Order may provide that any person contravening the regulations shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.