

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2006 No. 358

**Gas Order 1996 (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006**

PART III

AMENDMENTS TO ENERGY ORDER

Amendments

12. The Energy Order shall be amended as provided in this Part.

Commencement Information

11 Reg. 12 in operation at 1.10.2006, see [reg. 1](#)

Functions of the Department and the Authority

13.—(1) For Article 14(2)(a) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(a) the need to ensure a high level of protection of the interests of consumers of gas;”.

(2) For Article 14(5)(c) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(c) to secure a diverse, viable and environmentally sustainable long-term energy supply; and”.

(3) After Article 14(5) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“(5A) In carrying out their respective gas functions the Department or the Authority shall not discriminate between persons whose activities consist of or include storing, supplying or participating in the conveyance of gas as regards either rights or obligations.”.

(4) After Article 14(6) there shall be added the following paragraph—

“(7) For the purposes of paragraph (5)(c) environmental sustainability includes the need to guard against climate change.”.

Commencement Information

12 Reg. 13 in operation at 1.10.2006, see [reg. 1](#)

Consequential Amendments

14.—(1) In Article 38(2), for the reference to Directive [98/30/EC](#) concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas there shall be substituted a reference to Directive [2003/55/EC](#) concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas and repealing Directive [98/30/EC](#).

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Gas Order 1996 (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006, PART III. (See end of Document for details)

(2) the Schedule shall have effect for the purposes of making further consequential amendments to the Energy Order.

Commencement Information

I3 Reg. 14 in operation at 1.10.2006, see [reg. 1](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Gas Order 1996 (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006, PART III.