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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2013 No. 4**

The Single Use Carrier Bags Charge  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013

PART 2

The Charge

**Requirement to charge**

6. Subject to regulation 7, a seller shall charge a customer at least 5 pence for every single use carrier bag supplied new for the purpose of enabling goods purchased to be taken away or delivered.

**Exemption from the requirement to charge**

7. Regulation 6 does not apply in relation to the supply of single use carrier bags of the kind described in Schedule 1.

**Payment of net proceeds of the charge to the Department of the Environment**

8.—(1) A seller shall pay to the Department the net proceeds of the charge for each relevant period within 28 days of the end of that period.

(2) Payment of the net proceeds of the charge shall not be received by the Department until the Department has cleared funds for the full amount.

(3) Any amount of the net proceeds due to the Department if unpaid may be recovered by the Department as a civil debt.

(4) In this regulation the relevant period is—

- (a) the period starting on the date on which these Regulations come into operation and ending on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013; and thereafter the three month period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September, 31<sup>st</sup> December, 31<sup>st</sup> March or 30<sup>th</sup> June in each reporting year; or
- (b) such other period as the Department may determine.