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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2020 No. 279**

**The Gas (Internal Markets) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020**

**16.—**(1) Article 8A is amended as provided for in paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) After paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) When carrying out its functions as designated regulatory authority for Northern Ireland, the Authority shall to the extent it considers necessary, consider whether there is a need to consult and co-operate with any person exercising functions in relation to gas which correspond to any of those of the Authority or the Department in a State to which Article 8(1)(c) applies.”.

(3) After paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) In meeting its duty under paragraph (1) the Authority shall, wherever it thinks fit, co-operate and consult with the Agency or the designated regulatory authorities in Great Britain or the Member States in relation to cross border issues (within the meaning of the Gas Directive) with a view to ensuring that the purposes of the Gas Directive in relation to such issues are achieved.

(2B) In meeting its duty under paragraph (1A) the Authority shall, wherever it thinks fit, co-operate and consult with any person exercising, in relation to a pipe-line to which Article 8(1)(c) applies, functions which correspond to any of those of the Authority or the Department.”.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Gas (Internal Markets) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020, Section 16.