
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 20 of the Clean Air Act 1993 (“the 1993 Act”) places a general prohibition on the emission of smoke in smoke control areas.

The Welsh Ministers may, by order made under section 21 of the 1993 Act, exempt specified classes of fireplace from the provisions of section 20, if they are satisfied that such fireplaces can be used for burning fuel other than authorised fuels without producing any smoke or a substantial quantity of smoke.

This Order applies in relation to Wales.

This Order revokes and replaces with amendments the Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (Wales) Order 2006 ([S.I. 2006/2980](#)) ([W.271](#)).

Article 2 of the Order exempts the classes of fireplace listed in the first column of the Schedule to the Order from the provisions of section 20 of the 1993 Act, subject to the conditions in the second column of that Schedule.

A regulatory impact assessment has been prepared in connection with this Order. A copy can be obtained from the Welsh Assembly Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ.