DRAFT STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

# 2012 No.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

The Single Use Carrier Bags Charge Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

Made - - - - - Coming into operation

8th April 2013

# THE SINGLE USE CARRIER BAGS CHARGE REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2012

## PART 1

## Introduction

- 1. Citation and commencement
- 2. Interpretation
- 3. Meaning of "single use carrier bag"
- 4. Meaning of "seller"
- 5. Administrator

# PART 2

## The Charge

- 6. Requirement to charge
- 7. Exemption from the requirement to charge
- 8. Payment of net proceeds of the charge to the Department of the Environment

#### PART 3

## Records

- 9. Record-keeping
- 10. Availability of records

## PART 4

## Breaches

11. Breaches

## PART 5

#### Civil Sanctions

- 12. Civil sanctions
- 13. Combination of sanctions

#### PART 6

# Enforcement and Non-compliance

- 14. Enforcement powers
- 15. Non-monetary discretionary requirements: enforcement
- 16. Enforcement costs recovery
- 17. Debt recovery
- 18. Publicity for imposition of civil sanctions

#### PART 7

#### Administration

- 19. Withdrawing or amending a notice
- 20. Appeals
- 21. Guidance as to use of civil sanctions
- 22. Additional guidance
- 23. Consultation on guidance
- 24. Publication of enforcement action Signature

SCHEDULE 1 — Exemptions

1. (1) The kinds of single use carrier bags to which...

SCHEDULE 2 — Fixed monetary penalties

- PART 1 Imposition of fixed monetary penalties and procedure
- 1. Power to impose fixed monetary penalty
- 2. Fixed monetary penalties
- 3. Notice of intent
- 4. Discharge of liability following notice of intent
- 5. Making representations and objections
- 6. Decision whether to impose a fixed monetary penalty
- 7. Contents of final notice
- 8. Payment
- 9. Early payment discount
- 10. Late payment penalty
- 11. Grounds of appeal

PART 2 — Fixed monetary penalty amounts and specified sums

SCHEDULE 3 — Discretionary requirements

PART 1 — Imposition of discretionary requirements and procedure

- 1. Power to impose discretionary requirements
- 2. Variable monetary penalties: maximum amounts
- 3. Notice of intent
- 4. Making representations and objections

- 5. Decision whether to impose discretionary requirements
- 6. Contents of a final notice
- 7. Payment
- 8. Early payment discount
- 9. Late payment penalty
- 10. Grounds of appeal

PART 2 — Variable monetary penalties: maximum amounts

SCHEDULE 4 — Non-monetary Discretionary requirements: enforcement

- 1. (1) In this Schedule— "specified steps" means the steps specified...
- 2. Power to impose non-compliance penalties
- 3. Notice of intent
- 4. Making representations and objections
- 5. Decision whether to impose a non-compliance penalty
- 6. Contents of a non-compliance notice
- 7. Payment of non-compliance penalties following appeal
- 8. Non-compliance penalties: late payment penalty

Explanatory Note