

*These notes refer to the Carrier Bags Act (Northern Ireland)
2014 (c.7) which received Royal Assent on 28 April 2014*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

CONSULTATION

10. A consultation exercise carried out between 20 July and 12 October 2011 sought views on the main policy proposals for the implementation of carrier bag charging. A subsequent consultation between 16 April and 9 July 2012 sought views on the Department's specific legislative proposals for a minimum charge on single use carrier bags.
11. Both consultation papers also outlined that the Department was considering extending charging arrangements to certain types of reusable bags.
12. The majority of those who responded on this specific issue expressed the perception that it was primarily a means of generating additional revenue. In response the Department outlined the environmental rationale for such an extension.