

*These notes refer to the Environmental Better Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.13) which received Royal Assent on 11 April 2016*

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***SCHEDULE 1: MATTERS FOR, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, WHICH REGULATIONS MAY BE MADE UNDER SECTION 2***

##### ***Paragraph 10: Charging schemes***

Paragraph 10 enables the regulations to authorise the Department to charge fees or make, vary or revoke schemes imposing charges in respect of the testing, sampling and analysis of substances, and assessing the effect on the environment of the release of such substances. These charges can be imposed prior to the grant of a permit or registration or in assessing compliance with the condition of a permit or registration. Paragraph 10 also enables charges to be authorised under the regulations, and the making, etc. of charging schemes by the Department, in respect of, or in respect of applications for, the grant of a permit and the variation, transfer, surrender or revocation of a permit or registration. It also applies to charges in respect of the subsistence or consolidation of permits and registrations and other specified matters. Paragraph 10 also enables the regulations to regulate the procedures for the making of such schemes.