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DRAFT STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2012 No.**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

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

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*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
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### 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