

**DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006**

S.I. 2006 No. 312 (N.I. 1)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES

Article 16: Improvements to let dwelling houses

49. [Article 16](#) makes procedural and evidential provision with regard to consent to improvements to let dwelling houses. The provisions apply to residential premises only and do not affect premises that are to let. The Article applies where a lease or tenancy agreement provides that a tenant may make improvements to the premises with the landlord's consent. Where the lease prohibits the making of improvements absolutely, the tenant could seek a reasonable adjustment of the terms of the letting under new sections 24A to 24E (Article 14) where those terms have the effect of making it impossible or unreasonably difficult for the disabled person to enjoy the premises. Article 16 also provides for the Equality Commission to issue a code of practice and provide conciliation services and support in disputes.