#### DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

## **PART VIII**

#### UNDERTAKERS' POWERS AND WORKS

Chapter ii

Protection of Undertakers' Works, Apparatus, etc.

Protection of meters

### Offence of tampering with a meter

**237.**—(1) If any person—

- (a) so interferes with a meter used by any relevant undertaker in determining the amount of any charges fixed in relation to any premises as intentionally or recklessly to prevent the meter from showing, or from accurately showing, the volume of water supplied to, or of effluent discharged from, those premises; or
- (b) carries out any works which he knows are likely to affect the operation of such a meter or which require the disconnection of such a meter,

he shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

(2) A person shall not be guilty of an offence under this Article in respect of anything done by him with the consent under Article 238 of the relevant undertaker which uses the meter or (if the meter is used by more than one relevant undertaker) each of those undertakers.