



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Environmental Better Regulation Bill
Notice of Amendments tabled on
10 December 2015 for Consideration Stage

Clause 3, Page 2, Line 32

Leave out ‘as it thinks fit, including such’ and insert ‘, including’

Minister of the Environment

New Clause

After clause 3 insert -

‘Regulations relating to protecting and improving the environment: objective

3A. The Department must, in making regulations under section 2, have as an objective reducing the regulatory and administrative burden on persons carrying on regulated activities to the greatest extent possible consistent with protecting and improving the environment.’

Minister of the Environment

Clause 8, Page 5, Line 35

After ‘scale’ insert ‘for an offence that is triable only summarily or the statutory maximum for an offence that is triable summarily or on indictment’

Minister of the Environment

Clause 12, Page 7, Line 3

Leave out from ‘publish’ to ‘appropriate’ on line 4 and insert ‘cause a draft of the code to be laid before the Assembly’

Minister of the Environment

Clause 12, Page 7, Line 4

At end insert -

‘(3A) If within the statutory period beginning with the day on which a copy of the draft is laid before the Assembly, the Assembly so resolves, no further steps may be taken in relation to the draft.

(3B) Nothing in subsection (3A) prevents a new draft being prepared and dealt with in accordance with this section, including subsection (3).

(3C) If the Assembly does not resolve as mentioned in subsection (3A), the Department must publish the code in any manner that it considers appropriate.’

Minister of the Environment

New Clause

Before clause 23 insert -

‘National Security

22A.—(1) Regulations made by the Department under this Act may make provision for, or in connection with, enabling the Secretary of State, in the interests of national security, to give directions (whether general or specific) with which persons by whom powers or functions conferred by the regulations are exercisable must comply, or guidance to which such persons must have regard, in exercising powers or functions under the regulations, including—

- (a) directions that specified information, or information of a specified description, not be included in a register required to be maintained under the regulations;
- (b) directions that specified information, or information of a specified description, not be published or made available to a specified person or public body, or a person or public body of a specified description, or to the public; and
- (c) directions that specified powers or functions, or powers or functions of a specified description, not be exercised in relation to specified land or premises, or land or premises of a specified description.

(2) In this section “specified” means specified in the regulations.’

Minister of the Environment

Schedule 1, Page 14, Line 7

Leave out paragraph 1

Minister of the Environment