
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1978 No. 1049

**Pollution Control and Local Government
(Northern Ireland) Order 1978**

PART VI

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Miscellaneous

Prohibition of disclosure of information

76.—(1) If a person discloses information relating to any trade secret used in carrying on a particular undertaking and the information has been given to him or obtained by him under this Order he shall, subject to paragraph (2), be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding^{F1} level 5 on the standard scale].

(2) A person shall not be guilty of an offence under paragraph (1) by virtue of the disclosure of any information if—

- (a) the disclosure is made—
 - (i) in the performance of his duty, or
 - (ii) under Article 57(1)(b), or
 - (iii) with the consent in writing of a person having a right to disclose the information; or
- (b) the information is of a kind prescribed for the purposes of this sub-paragraph and, if regulations made for those purposes provide that information of that kind may only be disclosed under the regulations to prescribed persons, the disclosure is to a prescribed person.

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Local inquiries

77. The Department may cause a local inquiry to be held in any case in which the Department considers it appropriate for such an inquiry to be held either in connection with a provision of this Order or with a view to preventing or dealing with pollution or noise at any place.

Power of Department to assist certain projects

78. The Department may—

- (a) undertake, or contribute towards the cost of, investigations and research relevant to the problems of waste collection and disposal; and
- (b) arrange for the publication of information relating to those problems.

Art. 79 amends s.12 of 1929 c.13 (NI)

Art. 80, with Schedule 4, effects amendments

Art. 81(1), with Schedule 5, effects amendments; para.(2) amends s.2 of 1878 c.52.

Adaptation of enactments to metric units

82.—(1) The Department may by regulations amend^{F2} the Alkali Act or the [^{F3} Clean Air (Northern Ireland) Order 1981] by substituting an amount expressed in metric units for an amount not so expressed.

(2) Any amendments made under paragraph (1) shall be such as to preserve the effect of those Acts except to such an extent as in the opinion of the Department is necessary to obtain amounts expressed in convenient and suitable terms.

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| F2 | prosp. rep. by 1997 NI 18 |
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Power to give effect to international agreements

83. The Secretary of State may by order make such modifications of this Order as he considers necessary or expedient with a view to enabling effect to be given to any provision made by or under any international agreement to which the Government of the United Kingdom is for the time being a party.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Pollution Control and Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, Miscellaneous.