
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1995 No. 3210

The Street Works (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

General requirements as to execution of street works

Avoidance of unnecessary delay or obstruction

26.—(1) An undertaker executing street works which involve—

- (a) breaking up or opening the street, or any sewer, drain or tunnel under it, or
- (b) tunnelling or boring under the street,

shall carry on and complete the works with all such dispatch as is reasonably practicable.

(2) An undertaker who fails to do so commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F1}level 5] on the standard scale.

(3) Where an undertaker executing any street works creates an obstruction in a street to a greater extent or for a longer period than is reasonably necessary, the street authority may by notice require him to take such reasonable steps as are specified in the notice to mitigate or discontinue the obstruction.

(4) If the undertaker fails to comply with such a notice within 24 hours of receiving it, or any longer period specified in the notice, the street authority may take the necessary steps and recover from him the costs reasonably incurred by it in doing so.

F1 Words in art. 26(2) substituted (1.10.2007) by [Street Works \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I. 1\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), **25(2)(g)** (with art. 25(5)); S.R. 2007/365, art. 2, Sch.

Changes to legislation:

The Street Works (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, Section 26 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 25 May 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 13(1)(b) and word inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 4\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 14(3A)(3B) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 6\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 15(8)(9) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 6\(2\)](#)
- art. 16(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 7\(3\)](#)
- art. 16(3A) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 7\(4\)](#)
- art. 18(3)(f) and word inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 9\(4\)](#)
- art. 18(7A) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 9\(8\)](#)
- art. 19(7) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 11\(4\)](#)
- art. 27(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 12\(2\)](#)
- art. 27(2A)-(2C) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 12\(3\)](#)
- art. 27(4)(c) and word inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 12\(5\)](#)
- art. 30(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 13\(2\)](#)
- art. 30(3)-(4B) substituted for art. 30(3)(4) by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 13\(3\)](#)
- art. 32(2A)(2B) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 14](#)
- art. 32(3A) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 15\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 34(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 18\(2\)](#)
- art. 34(5A)(5B) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 18\(5\)](#)
- art. 34(7A) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 18\(7\)](#)
- art. 39(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 22\(2\)](#)
- art. 39(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 22\(3\)](#)
- art. 39(3A) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 22\(4\)](#)
- art. 40(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 23\(3\)](#)
- art. 40(2)(2A) substituted for art. 40(2)(3) by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 23\(4\)](#)
- art. 40(5)(6) added by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 23\(6\)](#)
- art. 49(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 15\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 59(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2007/287 \(N.I.\) art. 28\(3\)](#)