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**1996 No. 275**

**The Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996**

**PART II**

**GAS SUPPLY AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES**

*Interpretation*

**Interpretation of Part II**

**3.—(1) In this Part—**

“the 1973 Act” means the Fair Trading Act 1973;

“the 1980 Act” means the Competition Act 1980;

“exemption” means an exemption under Article 7;

“gas plant” includes any plant, equipment, pipe-line or apparatus used for, or for purposes connected with, the conveyance, storage or supply of gas;

“gas storage facility” means any facility designed or adapted for the storage of gas in bulk (whether in a liquid state or not), not being a pipe or other conduit for the conveyance of gas;

“the General Consumer Council” means the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland;

“information” includes accounts, estimates and returns;

“licence” means a licence granted under Article 8;

“licence holder” means the holder of a licence granted under Article 8;

“the Monopolies Commission” means the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

(2) In this Part “gas” means any substance which is in a gaseous state at a temperature of 15°C and a pressure of 1013.25 millibars and—

(a) consists wholly or mainly of methane; or

(b) is specified in an order made by the Department; or

(c) consists wholly or mainly of—

(i) a mixture of two or more substances falling within sub-paragraph (a) or (b); or

(ii) a combustible mixture of one or more such substances and air.

(3) This Part applies only in relation to gas supplied, or intended to be supplied, through pipes; and references in this Part to gas shall be construed accordingly.