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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 3336**

The Water and Sewerage Services  
(Northern Ireland) Order 2006

**PART IV**

WATER SUPPLY

CHAPTER II

SUPPLY DUTIES

*Domestic connections*

**Conditions of connection concerning metering**

**81.**—(1) Where the owner or occupier of any premises (“the relevant premises”) serves a connection notice on a water undertaker, the undertaker shall make compliance with the requirements specified in paragraph (2) a condition of its complying with the duties to which it is subject by virtue of that notice.

(2) The requirements mentioned in paragraph (1) are—

(a) a requirement that a meter for use in determining the amount of any charges which have been or may be fixed in relation to the relevant premises by reference to volume has been installed and connected either—

(i) by the undertaker; or

(ii) in accordance with specifications approved by the undertaker;

(b) a requirement that—

(i) subject to Article 89(1), so much of the service pipe to the relevant premises as does not belong to, vest in or fall to be laid by the undertaker; and

(ii) the plumbing of the premises,

comply with specifications approved by the undertaker for the purpose of ensuring that it will be reasonably practicable for such a meter as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) to be installed and connected as so mentioned.

(3) Specifications approved by any water undertaker for the purposes of paragraph (2)(a) or (b) may be approved—

(a) in relation to particular premises; or

(b) by being published in such manner as the undertaker considers appropriate, in relation to premises generally or to any description of premises.

(4) Any dispute between a water undertaker and any other person as to the terms of any condition imposed under this Article may be referred by either party for determination by the Authority under Article 61.

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Art. 81 Power to suspend or repeal conferred (23.3.2016) by [Water and Sewerage Services Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 3\(2\)\(c\), 8](#)
- C2** Art. 81 Power to revive conferred (23.3.2016) by [Water and Sewerage Services Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 3\(4\)\(b\), 8](#) (with s. 3(5))
- C3** Art. 81(2) Power to amend conferred (23.3.2016) by [Water and Sewerage Services Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 3\(2\)\(b\), 8](#)
- C4** Art. 81(2)(a) suspended (7.12.2016) by [The Water Meters Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/422\), regs. 1\(1\), 2](#)
- C5** Art. 81(3) suspended (7.12.2016) by [The Water Meters Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/422\), regs. 1\(1\), 3](#)

**Commencement Information**

- I1** Art. 81 wholly in operation at 1.4.2007, see art. 1(2) and S.R. 2007/194, [art. 2\(2\)](#), Sch. 1 Pt. II (subject to [art. 3](#), Sch. 2)

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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. 293(10A) inserted by [2015 c. 8 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 2\(b\)](#)