
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 3336

**The Water and Sewerage Services
(Northern Ireland) Order 2006**

PART VI

SEWERAGE SERVICES

CHAPTER II

PROVISION OF SEWERAGE SERVICES

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174.—(1) In this Chapter “domestic sewerage purposes”, in relation to any premises, means any one or more of the following purposes, that is to say—

- (a) the removal, from buildings on the premises and from land occupied with and appurtenant to the buildings, of the contents of lavatories;
- (b) the removal, from such buildings and from such land, of water which has been used for cooking or washing; and
- (c) the removal, from such buildings and such land, of surface water;

but does not, by virtue of sub-paragraph (b), include the removal of any water used for the business of a laundry or for a business of preparing food or drink for consumption otherwise than on the premises.

(2) References in this Chapter to the construction of a sewer [^{F1}, of a sustainable drainage system] or of any waste water treatment works include references to the extension of any existing sewer [^{F2}, system] or works.

(3) Every application made or consent given under this Chapter shall be made or given in writing.

(4) Nothing in Articles 159 to 166 or in Articles 168 to 173 shall be construed as authorising a sewerage undertaker to construct or use any public or other sewer, or any drain or outfall [^{F3}, or any sustainable drainage system] —

- (a) in contravention of any applicable provision of the Water Order; or
- (b) for the purpose of conveying foul water into any natural or artificial watercourse, pond or lake, without the water having been so treated as not to affect prejudicially the purity and quality of the water in that watercourse, pond or lake.

(5) A sewerage undertaker shall so carry out its functions under Articles 159 to 162, 169, 172 and 173 as not to create a nuisance.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [art. 174\(2\)](#) inserted (24.5.2016 with application as mentioned in s. 8(1) of the amending Act) by [Water and Sewerage Services Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 8, [Sch. 2 para. 12\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- F2** Word in [art. 174\(2\)](#) inserted (24.5.2016 with application as mentioned in s. 8(1) of the amending Act) by [Water and Sewerage Services Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 8, [Sch. 2 para. 12\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- F3** Words in [art. 174\(4\)](#) inserted (24.5.2016 with application as mentioned in s. 8(1) of the amending Act) by [Water and Sewerage Services Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 8, [Sch. 2 para. 12\(3\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I1** Art. 174 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\(b\)](#)