
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2006 No. 439

**The Equality Act (Sexual Orientation)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006**

Acts done under statutory authority etc.

49.—(1) Nothing in any provision of regulations 5 to 25 shall render unlawful any act of discrimination done —

- (a) in pursuance of any statutory provision; or
- (b) in order to comply with any condition or requirement imposed by a Minister of the Crown or government department by virtue of any statutory provision.

(2) Nothing in any provision of regulations 5 to 25 shall render unlawful any act whereby a person discriminates against another on the basis of that other's sexual orientation, if that act is done —

- (a) in pursuance of any statutory provision; or
- (b) in order to comply with any requirement imposed by a Minister of the Crown, a Northern Ireland Minister (including the First Minister and deputy First Minister) or government department by virtue of any statutory provision; or
- (c) in pursuance of any arrangements made by or with the approval of, or for the time being approved by, a Minister of the Crown, a Northern Ireland Minister (including the First Minister and deputy First Minister) or government department; or
- (d) in order to comply with any condition imposed by a Minister of the Crown, a Northern Ireland Minister (including the First Minister and deputy First Minister) or government department.

(3) This regulation applies whether the statutory provision, condition, requirement or arrangement in question was passed, made or imposed (as the case may be) before or after the making of these Regulations.