STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

# 2015 No. 145

# SEX DISCRIMINATION

## The Sex Discrimination Order 1976 (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

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| *Made - - - -* | *10th March 2015* |
| *Coming into operation* | *6th April 2015* |

The Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister, being a Department designated for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 (**1**) in relation to discrimination (**2**), makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by that section.

### Citation, commencement and interpretation

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Sex Discrimination Order 1976 (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall come into operation on 6th April 2015.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

### Amendment of the Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976

**2.** In Article 36 of the Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (**4**), for paragraph (1B) substitute:

"(1B) The condition is that –

(a) the place is (permanently or for the time being) occupied or used for the purposes of an organised religion;

(b) the facilities or services are not normally provided on a commercial basis; and

(c) the facilities or services are restricted to men so as to comply with the doctrines of the religion in sub-paragraph (a) or avoid offending the religious susceptibilities of a significant number of its followers.".

(**1**) 1972 c.68
(**2**) See the European Communities (Designation) (No. 3) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/1819)
(**3**) 1954 c.33 (N.I.)
(**4**) S.I. 1976/1042 (N.I. 15); Article 36(1B) was inserted by regulation 2(2) of, and paragraph 8(b) of Schedule 2 to, S.I.2008/963