STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 421

DISABLED PERSONS

The Disability Discrimination (Meaning of Disability) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - -	*12th September 1996*
Coming into operation	*4th November 1996*

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Department of Economic Development by paragraphs 1(2), 2(4), 3(2) and (3), 4(2)(*a*) and 5(*a*) of Schedule 1 to the Disability Discrimination Act 1995(**1**), the Department of Economic Development hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Disability Discrimination (Meaning of Disability) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 4th November 1996.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

"the Act" means the Disability Discrimination Act 1995; and

"addiction" includes a dependency.

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

Addictions

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), addiction to alcohol, nicotine or any other substance is to be treated as not amounting to an impairment for the purposes of the Act.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to an addiction which was originally the result of administration of medically prescribed drugs or other medical treatment.

(**1**) 1995 c. 50 as it applies in Northern Ireland by virtue of section 70(6) and Schedule 8 thereof
(**2**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)