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WHEREAS I, John Cummins, Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, am of the opinion that development to which the following regulations apply would not offend against principles of proper planning and sustainable development by reason of the nature and limited effect of development belonging to that class on its surroundings; and

WHEREAS a draft of the following regulations has been laid before each House of the Oireachtas and a resolution approving that draft has been passed by each such House;

NOW I, John Cummins, Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsection (2) of section 4 and section 262 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (No. 30 of 2000) (as adapted by the Housing, Planning and Local Government (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 408 of 2020)) and by the Housing, Local Government and Heritage (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order 2025 (S.I. No. 364 of 2025), hereby make the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Planning and Development (Exempted Development (Act of 2000)) (No. 6) Regulations 2026.

(2) The collective citation “Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2026” includes these Regulations.

(3) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 27th day of July 2026.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, “Principal Regulations” means the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (S.I. No. 600 of 2001).

Amendment of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Principal Regulations

3. Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Principal Regulations is amended by the insertion of the following after Class 2:

Class 2A The removal of a chimney from a house.	1. No chimney shall be removed where it forms part of a joint chimney stack with a separate dwelling house. 2. Roof finishes shall be the same as the existing roof. 3. This exemption is subject to compliance with Section 22 (protection of nests of wild birds) and Section 23 (breeding or resting places of protected wild animals including bats) of the Wildlife Act 1976, as amended.
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GIVEN under my hand,
16 July, 2026.

JOHN CUMMINS,
Minister of State at the Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage.

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