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RATES

**The Rates (Unoccupied Hereditaments) (Amendment No. 2)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013**

Made - - - - *25th March 2013*

Coming into operation - *15th April 2013*

The Department of Finance and Personnel makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 25A(6) of, and paragraph 1(1) to (3) of Schedule 8A to, the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Rates (Unoccupied Hereditaments) (Amendment No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 and shall come into operation on 15th April 2013.

Amendment of the Rates (Unoccupied Hereditaments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011

2. In the Schedule to the Rates (Unoccupied Hereditaments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011(b), after paragraph 18 there shall be added the following paragraph—

“19. The person entitled to possession of the hereditament has made an application under a scheme under Article 29 (scheme for purchase of evacuated properties) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1988(c) in respect of the hereditament and the conditions under the scheme for acceptance of that application are satisfied.”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 25th March 2013



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(a) S.I. 1977/2157 (N.I. 28); Article 25A and Schedule 8A were inserted by Article 4 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Rates (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/703 (N.I. 4)); paragraph 1 of Schedule 8A was amended by Article 22 of the Rates (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/2954 (N.I. 18)); Article 25A and Schedule 8A were further amended by section 6 of the Rates (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (2009 c.8 (N.I.))

(b) S.R. 2011 No. 36 as amended by S.R. 2013 No. 47

(c) S.I. 1988/1990 (N.I. 23)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Schedule to the Rates (Unoccupied Hereditaments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 (S.R. 2011 No. 36) to provide an exemption from unoccupied rates for a person who has made an application under Article 29 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (“the 1988 Order”) in respect of a hereditament where the conditions under the scheme for acceptance of that application are satisfied. Article 29 of the 1988 Order provides for a scheme allowing the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to acquire by agreement, houses owned by persons who, in consequence of acts of violence, threats to commit such acts or other intimidation, are unable or unwilling to occupy those houses.

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