
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order is the third Commencement Order made under the Housing Act 2004 (“the Act”) and brings further provisions of the Act into force in Wales, subject to the transitional provisions and savings made in the Schedule to the Order.

The Order brings into force on 16 June 2006 various provisions of the Act listed under article 2.

Article 2 brings into force most of the provisions of the following Parts of the Act on 16 June to the extent they are not already in force:

Part 1, which introduces a new system for local housing authorities to assess housing conditions and enforce housing standards. Part 1 replaces Part 6 of the Housing Act 1985 (repair notices) and amends Part 9 of that Act (slum clearance).

Part 2, which provides for the licensing by such authorities of houses in multiple occupation and replaces Part 11 of the Housing Act 1985.

Part 3, which provides for the selective licensing by such authorities of other residential accommodation.

Part 4, which provides for additional control by such authorities in relation to residential accommodation by the making of management orders and empty dwelling management orders and the service of overcrowding notices.

Part 7, which provides for residential property tribunals and contains other supplementary and final provisions for the purposes of the Act.

Article 2 brings into force the remaining provisions of Parts 2 to 4 and those that relate to offences in Parts 2 and 3, the making of rent repayment orders in consequence of operating premises required to be licensed under those Parts which are not licensed and the authorisation by a residential property tribunal of the making of an interim empty dwelling management order under Chapter 2 of Part 4. Article 2 also brings into force minor or consequential amendments in Schedule 15, and repeals in Schedule 16 to the Act which are associated with the other provisions brought into force by the Order.