STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2017 No. 231

RATES

The Rates (Unoccupied Hereditaments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

Made - - - -	*4th December 2017*
Coming into operation	*5th December 2017*

The Department of Finance(**1**) 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(**2**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Rates (Unoccupied Hereditaments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 and shall come into operation on 5th December 2017.

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

2. In the Schedule to the Rates (Unoccupied Hereditaments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011(**3**), after paragraph 19 there shall be added the following paragraph—

> "**20.**—(1) Subject to the conditions in sub-paragraph (2), the hereditament is located in an area included within a scheme made under Article 26 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(**4**) and the person entitled to possession of the hereditament has qualified for payment from a council assisted under that scheme.
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> (2) Sub-paragraph (1) applies only to a hereditament which—
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> (a) is unoccupied due to flooding following heavy rain or tidal surge;

(**1**) The Department of Finance, as originally named in the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, was renamed as the Department of Finance and Personnel by Article 3(7) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (1999 No. 283 (N.I. 1)). Renamed as the Department of Finance by section 1(4) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5 (N.I.)).

(**2**) 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.))

(**3**) S.R. 2011 No. 36 as amended by S.R.2013 No. 47, S.R. 2013 No. 80 and S.R. 2014 No. 69.

(**4**) S.I. 1992/810 (N.I. 6)