STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2012 No. 47

RATES

The Rates (Microgeneration) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012

Made - - - -	*16th February 2012*
Affirmed by resolution of the Assembly on - - - -	*12th March 2012*
Coming into operation	*1st April 2012*

The Department of Finance and Personnel makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 39(2) and (3) of, and paragraph 4 of Part III of Schedule 12 to, the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**1**).

In accordance with Article 39(3)(b) of that Order it has consulted with the Northern Ireland Local Government Association (being an association which appears to the Department to be representative of district councils).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Rates (Microgeneration) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2012.

Amendment of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977

2.—(1) The Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In Article 2(2) after the definition of "levy" there shall be inserted the following definition—

""microgeneration capacity" means the capacity of plant or machinery to generate electricity or to produce heat where—

(a) in generating electricity or, as the case may be, producing heat, the plant or machinery relies wholly or mainly on one or more of the following sources of energy or technologies —

(i) biomass;

(ii) biofuels;

(**1**) S.I. 1977/2157 (N.I.28), Article 39 was amended by Article 7 of the Local Government, Planning and Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, S.I. 1981/437 (N.I. 13) and by paragraph 18 of Schedule 2 to the Rates (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, S.I. 2006/2954 (N.I. 18); paragraph 4 of Part III of Schedule 12 was amended by Article 12(b)(i) of the Rates (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, S.I. 1996/3162 (N.I. 25)