STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2011 No. 395

RATES

The Rates (Payments by Owners by Agreement) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2011

Made - - - -	*9th November 2011*
Affirmed by resolution of the Assembly on - - - -	*28th November 2011*
Coming into operation	*1st April 2012*

The Department of Finance and Personnel makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 22(4) to (4D) of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**1**).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Rates (Payments by Owners by Agreement) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2011 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2012.

Amendments

2.—(1) In Article 21(1)(**2**) of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (payment of rates by owners by agreement) for "15 per cent." there shall be substituted "12.5 per cent.".

(2) The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby directs that for any percentage specified in an existing agreement in respect of—

(a) a hereditament owned by a housing association, there shall be substituted 10 per cent;

(b) a hereditament owned by a person other than a housing association or the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, there shall be substituted 12.5 per cent.

(3) In paragraph (2) "housing association" has the meaning assigned to it by Article 3 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(**3**).

(**1**) S.I. 1977/2157 (N.I. 28); paragraph (4) of Article 22 was inserted by Article 4 of the Local Government, Planning and Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/437 (N.I.13)) and paragraphs (4A) to (4D) of that Article were inserted by section 12 of the Rates (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (2009 c.8 (N.I)).

(**2**) Article 21 was amended by Article 4 of the Rates (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/3164 (N.I. 22)) and by S.R. 2007 No. 2.

(**3**) S.I. 1992/1725 (N.I. 15)