STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2010 No. 354

HOUSING

The Introductory Tenancies (Abandoned Property) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010

Made - - - -	*14th October 2010*
Coming into operation-	*17th December 2010*

The Department for Social Development makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 19A(6) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003(**1**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Introductory Tenancies (Abandoned Property) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010 and shall come into operation on 17th December 2010.

(2) In this Order "the 2003 Order" means the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.

Notice to be served

2. Where property is found in a dwelling–house to which Article 19A of the 2003 Order applies, the landlord shall immediately serve a notice in writing on the tenant that the property is available for delivery to the tenant at a place specified in the notice, on payment of any sum payable in accordance with Article 5 of this Order and that if the property is not collected by the tenant from the specified place on or before the date specified in the notice (being a date not less than 28 days from the date of service of the notice and not earlier than the date on which the landlord repossesses the dwelling–house), the landlord may dispose of the property in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

Storage and sale of property

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), property, in respect of which a notice under Article 2 has been served on the tenant and which has not been collected by the date specified in the notice, shall be stored by the landlord for a period of 6 months from the date on which the landlord took possession of the dwelling–house and, after expiry of that period, the landlord may sell any item remaining in the landlord's custody.

(**1**) S.I. 2003/412 (N.I. 2); Article 19A was inserted by section 9(3) of the Housing (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 (c. 9)