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HOUSING

Secure Tenancies (Abandoned Property) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995

Made	*25th July 1995*
Coming into operation . .	*5th September1995*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 41(6) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1983(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Secure Tenancies (Abandoned Property) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 5th September 1995.

(2) In this Order "the 1983 Order" means the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1983.

Notice to be served

2. Where property is found in a dwelling-house to which Article 41 of the 1983 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.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any property the value of which would not, in the opinion of the landlord, exceed the amount which the

(a) S.I. 1983/1118 (N.I. 15)