1991 No. 29

HOUSING

Homes Insulation Scheme and Grants Order (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made . . . . . *6th February 1991*

Coming into operation . . *18th March 1991*

The Department of Economic Development in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 86(1), (2), (3), (4)(*a*), (5) and (7) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) and now vested in it(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**c**) hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Homes Insulation Scheme and Grants Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 18th March 1991.

(2) In this Order—

"grant" means a grant paid under Article 86(1) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981; and

"the 1988 Order" shall be construed in accordance with Article 4.

Homes Insulation Scheme

2. The Department of Economic Development hereby makes the Homes Insulation Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1991 set out in the Schedule.

Amounts of grants

3. The grant shall be 95 per cent. of the cost of the works qualifying for it or £175 whichever is the lesser amount.

Revocation

4. Subject to Article 5 the Homes Insulation Scheme and Grants Order (Northern Ireland) 1988(**d**) ("the 1988 Order") and the Homes Insulation Scheme and Grants (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988(**e**) are hereby revoked.

(**a**) S.I. 1981/156 (N.I. 3)
(**b**) *See* S.R. 1984 No. 204
(**c**) Formerly Department of Finance: *See* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3
(**d**) S.R. 1988 No. 69 as amended by S.R. 1988 No. 361
(**e**) S.R. 1988 No. 361

Transitional provisions

5.—(1) The 1988 Order, as it had effect immediately before 17th November 1988, shall continue to apply in relation to any applications for grant made before that date but on or after 11th April 1988 as if this Order had not been made.

(2) The 1988 Order as it had effect immediately before 18th March 1991 shall continue to apply in relation to any applications for grant made before that date but on or after 17th November 1988 as if this Order had not been made.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 6th February 1991.

(L.S.) *J. E. Wolstencroft*
Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby approves the foregoing Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 6th February 1991.

(L.S.) *R. A. H. Millar*
Assistant Secretary

The Homes Insulation Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1991

Interpretation

1.—(1) Any reference in this Scheme to a British Standard shall be construed as a reference to—

(*a*) a British Standard published by the British Standards Institution; or

(*b*) a national technical specification of a Member State of the European Community which provides an equivalent standard of performance.

(2) In this Scheme—

"insulated additional roof space" means roof space which has been added to the dwelling by works of improvement and in all or any part of which there is insulation material of a thickness of 50 mm or more;

"roof space" means space between the roof of a house and the ceiling of any room, which is used or available for use for the purposes of living accommodation and which is not wholly separated from the roof by any other room; and

"spouse" means the applicant's husband or wife living with the applicant; or a person with whom the applicant is living as though they were husband and wife.

Specified insulation works

2.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, grant will be available for the following insulation works:—

(*a*) the provision in any roof space, other than insulated additional roof space of insulating materials which conform to the requirements of British Standard 5803: Parts 1 and 2: 1985 and are of a thickness of 150 mm or more;

(*b*) where there is no means of access to any roof space for the purpose of carrying out the insulation works referred to in sub-paragraph (*a*), the provision of such a means of access, including a permanent means of access;

(*c*) the insulation of any cold water tank in any roofspace to a thickness of 75 mm or more with insulating material having a thermal conductivity no greater than 0.05W/mK and of any water supply, overflow and expansion pipes in a manner which conforms to the requirements of clause 10.4 of section 2 of BS 6700: 1987;

(*d*) the provision for any hot water tank or cylinder, which is not already insulated by any means, of a jacket conforming to British Standard 5615: 1985 or, if there is insufficient space for such a jacket, of other means of insulation which provides such equivalent standard of performance as is reasonably practicable in the circumstances.

(2) Grant shall only be available where at the completion of the insulation works:—

(*a*) in the case of works mentioned in paragraph (1)(*a*), insulation material has been provided in accordance with that sub-paragraph throughout the area of the roof space except for any area:—

(i) to which it is not reasonably practicable to obtain or provide means of obtaining access;

(ii) where the absence of insulation is necessary for adequate ventilation of the roof space;