1980 No. 328

HOUSING

The Homes Insulation Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1980

Made . . . . . 30th September 1980

Coming into operation . . . 1st November 1980

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 3(1), (4), (5)(*b*) and (8), of the Homes Insulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Department of Finance hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Homes Insulation Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st November 1980.

Homes Insulation Scheme

2. The Scheme set out in the Schedule shall have effect and may be referred to in any instrument or document as the Homes Insulation Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1980.

Revocation

3. The Homes Insulation Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1979(**b**) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 30th September 1980.

(L.S.) *J. Kirk*
Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 30th September 1980.

(L.S.) *R. McMurray*
Assistant Secretary

(a) S.I. 1978/1406 (N.I. 22)
(b) S.R. 1979 No. 424 (II, p. 1800)

SCHEDULE

The Homes Insulation Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1980

Interpretation

1. In this Scheme:—

"grant" means a grant for any dwelling of an amount equivalent to the percentage as prescribed in paragraph 3, or the money sum, whichever is the less, and

"roof space" means space between the roof of a dwelling 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.

Specified insulation works

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

(*a*) the provision in any roof space of material specified in column 1 of the Schedule as made by the manufacturer named in column 2 to the thickness specified in column 3 of the Schedule; or

(*b*) where there is no means of access to any roof space for the purpose of carrying out the principal insulation works, the provision of such a means of access;

(*c*) insulation, in any roof space, of any cold water tank and any water supply pipes;

(*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 Specification 5615: 1978, or, if there is insufficient space for such a jacket, of other means of insulation.

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

(*a*) any cold water tank in any roof space insulated under this Scheme and any water supply pipes in any such roof space are insulated; and

(*b*) any hot water tank or cylinder which was not insulated at the start of those works is insulated as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(*d*).

(3) Grant shall only be available for the insulation works mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(*b*), (*c*) or (*d*) where at the same time as such insulation works are carried out the principal insulation works are also carried out.

(4) In this paragraph:—

"principal insulation works" means the insulation works referred to in sub-paragraph 1(*a*).

Prescribed percentages and amounts of grant

3.—(1) A grant for any dwelling under this Scheme is to be made on the appropriate scale.

(2) In the case of an application on grounds of special need the appropriate scale is 90 per cent of the cost of the works qualifying for grant or £90, whichever is the less.

(3) In all other cases the appropriate scale is 66 per cent of the cost of such works or £65, whichever is the less.

(4) In this paragraph, "application on grounds of special need" means an application for a grant made or authorised to be made by a person who has attained the age of 65 years, if a man, or the age of 60 years, if a woman, and is in receipt of one of the following:—

(*a*) a supplementary pension under Article 3 of the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**c**); or

(*b*) a rent rebate or rent allowance under Article 6 of the Housing Finance (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**d**) or Article 59 of the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(**e**); or

(*c*) a rate rebate under Article 28 of the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**f**).

(**c**) S.I. 1977/2156 (N.I. 27)
(**d**) S.I. 1977/597 (N.I. 8)
(**e**) S.I. 1978/1050 (N.I. 20)
(**f**) S.I. 1977/2157 (N.I. 28)