1976 No. 145

REGISTRATION OF DEEDS

Registration of Deeds (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976

Made . . . . . 3*rd May* 1976

Coming into operation . . . . 1*st July* 1976

To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) *of Schedule* 1 *to the Northern Ireland Act* 1974.

The Department(**a**) of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 16 of the Registration of Deeds Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(**b**) (in this Order referred to as "the Act") and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Registration of Deeds (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1976.

Abolishment of the payment of fees by means of stamps

2.—(1) As from 1st July 1976, the payment of fees by the means of stamps impressed on or affixed to documents shall be abolished except that any document bearing such stamps which were purchased before that date shall be accepted.

(2) Where a document bearing an adhesive stamp is accepted under paragraph (1) the stamp shall be cancelled in the registry of deeds.

Amount and payment of fees

3.—(1) The fees payable for the registration of documents and for entries, searches, examinations, inspections, certificates and copies made and other matters done in the registry of deeds under the Act shall be those specified in the Schedule.

(2) A receipt denoting the amount of the fee paid and the date of payment shall be impressed in the registry of deeds on the document or, in the case of a public search, on the requisition for search.

(3) The registrar of deeds may require that the relevant fee or a reasonable sum on account thereof shall be paid or deposited in advance.

Exemption from payment of fees

4. A government department (including a department of the Government of the United Kingdom) shall not pay the fee specified in the Schedule where that department furnishes to the registry of deeds a certificate that the registration required or entry, search, examination, inspection, certificate or copy made or other matter done in that registry under the Act is required for the public service.

(**a**) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(**b**) 1970 c. 25 (N.I.)

Revocation

5. The Registration of Deeds (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971(c) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 3rd May 1976.

(L.S.)

Jim Malley
Assistant Secretary

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