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HOUSING

Standard Amenities

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH OCTOBER, 1963, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE HOUSING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1963.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Sections 2, 6 and 38 of the Housing Act (Northern Ireland) 1963(a), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Housing (Standard Amenities) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"the local authority" means the local authority for the area in which the house proposed to be provided with standard amenities is situate;

"the Act" means the Housing Act (Northern Ireland) 1963(a);

"standard amenity" means a standard amenity as referred to in Section 1 of the Act and "standard grant" means a grant payable in respect of a standard amenity.

3. A person desiring to apply for a standard grant under Section 2 of the Act shall make application to the local authority in the form set out in the Schedule.

4. All materials, fittings and articles to be used in the provision of a standard amenity shall not be inferior to the requirements of the relevant British Standards. Clay bricks must comply with the Specification for Clay Bricks in Northern Ireland. Workmanship and methods of work shall be in accordance with good building practice and shall not be inferior to the recommendations of the British Standard Codes of Practice.

5. In addition to the provisions of regulation 4 as to materials and construction the following requirements shall apply with respect to the standard amenities specified:—

(*a*) a bath or shower shall be in a bathroom or other room specially provided for that purpose;

(*b*) a bathroom or shower compartment or water closet compartment shall be of such a size as to afford adequate space for access to and use of the fittings therein;

(*c*) facilities for storing food shall be of permanent construction and of a minimum capacity of 25 cubic feet and have adequate shelving and effective means of permanent ventilation to the outside air.

(a) 1963. c. 26 (N.I.).

6. A house in respect of which a standard grant has been applied for shall, for the purposes of determining whether such grant should be paid or for the supervision of works necessary to the provision of a standard amenity, be open to inspection at any reasonable time by a duly authorised officer of the local authority or of the Ministry.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 16th day of October, 1963.

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