STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Control of Office Development (Exemption Limit) Order 1976

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Laid before Parliament	*6th May* 1976
Coming into Operation	*1st June* 1976

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 75(8) and 287 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971(**a**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:—

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Control of Office Development (Exemption Limit) Order 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1976.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply for the interpretation of this order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The prescribed exemption limit for the purposes of section 75 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 in relation to all areas to which the provisions of sections 73 to 86 of and Schedules 12 and 13 to that Act apply shall be 15,000 square feet.

3. The Control of Office Development (Exemption Limit) Order 1970(**c**) is hereby revoked.

Peter Shore,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

26th April 1976.

(a) 1971 c. 78. (b) 1889 c. 63. (c) S.I. 1970/1824 (1970 III, p. 5952).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order prescribes a higher exemption limit for office development under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 relating to office development control, the limit being raised from 10,000 square feet to 15,000 square feet in all areas to which the control applies.

In the areas to which the control applies, an office development permit will, as from the date of operation of this order, 1st June 1976, be required to support an application for planning permission to carry out office development if the office floor space to be created by the proposed development together with office floor space created (or to be created) by any related development exceeds 15,000 square feet.

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