STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1981 No. 247

LAND DRAINAGE

The General Drainage Charge (Ascertainment) Order 1981

Made - - - -	19*th February* 1981
Laid before Parliament	27*th February* 1981
Coming into Operation	1*st April* 1981

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 49(1) and (3) of the Land Drainage Act 1976(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the General Drainage Charge (Ascertainment) Order 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1981.

(2) In this Order—

"the Act" means the Land Drainage Act 1976; and

"the quotient", in relation to a general drainage charge raised by the Anglian Water Authority for a local land drainage district for any year, means the quotient ascertained for the purposes of that charge in pursuance of section 49(1) of the Act (which specifies the method of ascertaining the amount of such a charge).

Ascertainment of amount of general drainage charge

2. For the purpose of ascertaining the amount per hectare at which a general drainage charge to be raised on the basis described in section 48(1) of the Act may be raised by the Anglian Water Authority in the local land drainage districts in their area for any of the years ending on 31st March in 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986, the number by which the quotient is to be multiplied as well as being multiplied by 1p shall, in relation to each of the local land drainage districts specified in the first column of the Schedule to this Order, be the number set opposite each district in the second column of the said Schedule.

(a) 1976 c.70; sections 48(1) and 49(1) were amended by S.I. 1978/319.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 19th February 1981.

(L.S.)

Peter Walker,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

SCHEDULE Article 2

Name of Local Land Drainage District	Number
The Essex Local Land Drainage District	30.4
The Great Ouse Local Land Drainage District	34.3
The Lincolnshire Local Land Drainage District	29.9
The Norfolk and Suffolk Local Land Drainage District	29.6
The Welland and Nene Local Land Drainage District	29.1

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

The Order concerns general drainage charges which may be raised by the Anglian Water Authority in their local land drainage districts for the years ending 31st March in 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986. It defines in relation to each local land drainage district of that Authority a factor in the formula prescribed by section 49(1) of the Land Drainage Act 1976 for ascertaining the amount of the general drainage charge raised by the Authority for each such district.

Most of the Anglian Water Authority's revenues for land drainage purposes are raised under sections 46 and 47 of the Land Drainage Act 1976 by precepts issued to the county councils in their area, and these councils draw the revenue to meet these precepts ultimately from the general ratepayers in their districts. General drainage charges are levied on occupiers or owners of land not liable to general rates, and section 49 of the Act (as amended by the Land Drainage Act 1976 (Amendment) Regulations 1978) requires the factor in the formula to be calculated so that a general drainage charge raised by a water authority for a local land drainage district in accordance with the formula will be such an amount per hectare of chargeable land in that district as will secure that the total amount produced by the charge approximates to the total amount which would be produced by the land drainage element in a general rate if the chargeable land were liable to such rates. The Order defines the factor in accordance with section 49(1)(b).

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