1979 No. 424

HOUSING

The Homes Insulation Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1979

Made . . . . . 30*th November* 1979

Coming into operation . . . 1*st January* 1980

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 3(1), (2), (3) and (8), of the Homes Insulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(**a**) 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 Homes Insulation Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1980.

Revocation

2. The Homes Insulation Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1978(**b**) is hereby revoked.

Homes Insulation Scheme

3. 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) 1979.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 30th November 1979.

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R. B. Spence
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.I. 1978/1406 (N.I. 22)
(**b**) S.R. 1978 No. 335 (II, p. 1191)

SCHEDULE

The Homes Insulation Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1979

Interpretation

1. In this Scheme:—

"grant" means a grant, for any dwelling, of 66 per cent of the cost of works qualifying for a grant or £50, 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 either:—

(i) 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

(ii) any other material, where the applicant for grant can produce evidence in writing that he has purchased or agreed to purchase such material before 1st January 1980 sufficient, when provided to give for the relevant structure a U Value of 0.4W/m²°C.

(*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*);

"relevant structure" means the roof over the roof space and the ceiling below it together with the material provided in the roof space and referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(*a*)(ii); and

"U Value" means the thermal transmittance coefficient, that is to say the rate of heat transfer in watts through one square metre of a structure when the combined radiant and air temperatures of each side of the structure differ by one degree Celsius and is expressed in watts per square metre of surface area per one degree Celsius of temperature difference ($W/m^2°C$).

Description of dwellings qualifying for grants

3. The dwellings qualifying for grant under this Scheme are all completed dwellings except:—

(*a*) those without any roof space;

(*b*) those without a room which is used or available for use as living accommodation and all or part of which is immediately below any roof space; and

(*c*) those in which all or part of any roof space is insulated.

Persons from whom applications are to be entertained

4.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the following are the persons from whom applications for grant under this Scheme are to be entertained in respect of dwellings within the description specified in paragraph 3:—

(*a*) the occupier of such a dwelling;

(*b*) where the dwelling is unoccupied, any person entitled to occupy it;

(*c*) where the dwelling is subject to a tenancy or licence, any landlord or licensor;

(*d*) a person authorised to apply by any person mentioned in sub-paragraphs (*a*) to (*c*).

(2) No application made by a public authority shall be entertained under this Scheme.

(3) In this paragraph 'public authority' means a public body established by or under any statutory provision or a housing association for the time being registered in the register of housing associations established under Article 13 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1976(c), other than one whose rules restrict membership to persons who are tenants or prospective tenants of the association, and preclude the granting or assigning of tenancies to persons other than members.

(4) In sub-paragraph (3):—

'housing association' means a housing association within the meaning of Article 3 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1976.

(c) S.I. 1976/1780 (N.I. 25)

SCHEDULE

Materials specified for the insulation of roof spaces

Column 1 *Material*	Column 2 *Manufacturer*	Column 3 *Thickness*
Thermatic (Agrément Certificate 78/557 Second Issue)*	Blown Fibre Insulation Ltd.	75 mm
Rocksil Building Mat Rocksil Housewarm Sankeywrap Solarwrap (BS 5803 Part 1)	Cape Insulation Ltd.	80 mm
Cibco K 19 (Agrément Certificate 79/682)*	Cibco Insulations Ltd.	80 mm
Micafil (Agrément Certificate 79/680)	Dupre Vermiculite Ltd.	130 mm
Supawrap Crown 75 (BS 5803 Part 1)	Fibreglass Ltd.	80 mm
Heatmax Spraymatic (Agrément Certificate 77/447 Second Issue)*	Heatmax Insulations Ltd.	75 mm
Interlay (BS 5803 Part 1)	Newalls Insulation Ltd.	80 mm
Blofil (Agrément Certificate 78/607)*	Pattison Insulations Ltd.	80 mm
Rockwool Rollbatt (BS 5803 Part 1)	Rockwool Ltd.	80 mm
Thermsave (Agrément Certificate 79/612)*	Thermsave Insulations Ltd.	75 mm
Thermoken (Agrément Certificate 79/679)*	Thermoken Ltd.	80 mm

*The Conditions of the Certificate require this material to be installed by specialist contractors.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order revokes the Homes Insulation Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 and the Scheme made under this Order specifies the works of roof space insulation and the description of dwellings on which grant will be paid by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive under Article 3(1) of the Homes Insulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1978. The Scheme also specifies the categories of person from whom applications for grant will be entertained.

Grant will be available for the provision of specified insulation in the roof space, and for insulation to the cold water tank, water supply pipes in the roof space and the hot water cylinder in dwellings in the public and private sectors possessing a roof space immediately above living accommodation which is not already wholly or partly insulated. Applications will be entertained from occupiers and owners and other persons authorised by them. Applications will also be entertained from landlords other than public authorities and certain registered housing associations.

The Scheme also contains transitional provisions enabling grant to be claimed where products which are not on the approved list meet the required standard when installed.