STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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RATING AND VALUATION

The Precepts (Rate of Interest) Rules 1982

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, after consultation with the associations of local authorities with whom consultation appeared to him to be desirable, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 12(9) and 113 of the General Rate Act 1967(**a**) and now vested in him(**b**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following rules:—

1. These rules may be cited as the Precepts (Rate of Interest) Rules 1982 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1982.

2. In these rules "the standard rate" means the base rate for the time being quoted by members of the Committee of London Clearing Bankers or, where there is for the time being more than one such rate, the highest of them.

3. For the purposes of section 12(8) of the General Rate Act 1967 (which requires a rating authority to pay interest on any part of the amount due under a precept which has not been paid by the date specified in the precept for payment) the annual rate of interest per cent in respect of any day when interest is payable shall be determined in the following manner, that is to say by ascertaining the standard rate and taking as the said annual rate of interest the rate which is 2 per cent. above that rate.

4. The Precepts (Rate of Interest) Rules 1974(**c**) are hereby revoked.

Tom King,
Minister for Local Government
and Environmental Services,
Department of the Environment.

Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State
25th August 1982.

(**a**) 1967 c.9; section 12(9) was amended by paragraph 3 of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 1974 (c.7).

(**b**) S.I. 1970/1681.

(**c**) S.I. 1974/1322.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

Section 12(9) of the General Rate Act 1967 as amended by paragraph 3 of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 1974 enables the Secretary of State to prescribe a different rate to the 6 per cent. fixed by that section for the payment of interest on amounts overdue under precepts issued by the county councils, the Greater London Council and the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District. The different rate may be either prescribed or determined in a prescribed manner. These rules prescribe the manner in which to determine the rate, namely, by taking that rate which is 2 per cent. above the rate for the time being quoted as the base rate by members of the Committee of London Clearing Bankers or, where there is more than one such rate, the highest of them.

The rules replace the Precepts (Rate of Interest) Rules 1974, which prescribed a rate by reference to the Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate, and which are revoked.

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