STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1985 No. 23

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Rate Support Grant (Reduction in Rateable Values) (Specified Percentages) Regulations 1985

Made - - - - -	*9th January* 1985
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Coming into Operation	*12th February* 1985

The Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of State for Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 67 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980**(a)** and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with such associations of local authorities as appear to them to be concerned and with the local authorities with whom consultation appears to them to be desirable, hereby make the following regulations:—

Title and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Rate Support Grant (Reduction in Rateable Values) (Specified Percentages) Regulations 1985 and shall come into operation on 12th February 1985.

Specified percentages

2. There are hereby specified for the purposes of section 67 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980—

(*a*) as the percentage applicable to the first notice given by a local authority under that section in respect of any year, $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, and

(*b*) as the percentage applicable to any subsequent notice in respect of that year, the percentage applicable to the preceding notice, plus $\frac{1}{4}$ percentage point.

Patrick Jenkin,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

8th January 1985.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

9th January 1985.

(a) 1980 c. 65.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

A local authority's block grant entitlement for any year is determined in part by the gross rateable value of hereditaments in its area at a date specified in the Rate Support Grant Report for that year.

A local authority may serve notice on the Secretary of State requesting him to recalculate its block grant entitlement in accordance with the provisions of section 67 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980, if, after a conclusive calculation of block grant entitlement for any year has been made, there has been a reduction greater than a specified percentage in its gross rateable value which has had effect from or before the date specified in the Report for that year.

The percentage is to be specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State, and the regulations may provide for higher percentages to apply to a second or subsequent notice given for the same year.

These regulations specify $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent as the percentage applicable to the first notice given for any year, and as the percentage for each subsequent notice given for the same year, the percentage applicable to the preceding notice plus $\frac{1}{4}$ percentage point.

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