STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1981 No. 311

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Rate Support Grants (Adjustment of Needs Element) (Amendment) Regulations 1981

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In exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by section 10(3) of the Local Government Act 1974(a) and by section 68(7) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980(b), and after consulting, in accordance with section 10(5) of the said Act of 1974, such associations of local authorities as appeared to me to be concerned, I hereby make the following Regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Rate Support Grants (Adjustment of Needs Element) (Amendment) Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1981.

Amendment to Regulations

2. There shall be added to the Rate Support Grants (Adjustment of Needs Element) Regulations 1976(c) as Regulation 8 thereof and to the Rate Support Grants (Adjustment of Needs Element) Regulations 1980(d) as Regulation 11 thereof, the following Regulation—

"Adjustments falling to be made after 31st March 1981

(1) Where the difference between the estimated and actual amounts of increases and decreases of needs element which fall to be made for any financial year have not before 1st April 1981 been offset by adjustment to needs element for a subsequent year in pursuance of paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 2 to the Local Government Act 1974, the difference shall, as appropriate, be added to or subtracted from amounts of block grant for the earliest practicable subsequent financial year.

(2) Where, apart from this paragraph, the aggregate adjustments under paragraph (1) to the English block grant for any year constitute a reduction therein, that block grant shall be decreased, and the Welsh block grant shall be increased, by the amount of that reduction and conversely where the said aggregate adjustments to the Welsh block grant for any year constitute a reduction therein."

(a) 1974 c.7. (b) 1980 c.65.
(c) S.I. 1976/1939, amended by S.I. 1977/1342, 2002, 1979/337, 1980/877.
(d) S.I. 1980/877.

(3) In this Regulation "English block grant" and "Welsh block grant" have the same meaning as in paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 10 to the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980."

Mark Carlisle,
One of Her Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State.

2nd March 1981.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

The Regulations, which are made under section 68(7) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980, make necessary amendments to the Rate Support Grants (Adjustment of Needs Element) Regulations 1976 and the Rate Support Grants (Adjustment of Needs Element) Regulations 1980 consequent upon the introduction under that Act of the new system of rate support grant as from 1st April 1981 and of separate systems for England and Wales.

They provide that—

(i) any adjustment to needs element still required to be made under those regulations for the purpose of offsetting differences between estimated and actual amounts of expenditure shall after 31st March 1981 be made to the block grant;

(ii) any resulting imbalance in the adjustments as between English authorities collectively and Welsh authorities collectively shall be corrected by an appropriate transfer between the English and Welsh block grants.

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