1973. No. 410

RATES

Rates (Regional Rate Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973

Made . . . . . *5th October* 1973

Coming into operation . . . *12th October* 1973

To be laid before the Parliament of the United Kingdom under paragraph 4(5)(*b*) *of the Schedule to the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act* 1972.

The Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 7 of and paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 18 to the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**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 Rates (Regional Rate Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation on 12th October 1973.

Reduction of regional rate chargeable on certain persons

2.—(1) The amount in the pound of the regional rate chargeable for the period of six months ending on 31st March 1974 on any person as being the occupier of a hereditament to which this Article applies shall be reduced in accordance with paragraph (3) or, as the case requires, paragraph (4).

(2) This Article applies to any hereditament in respect of which the occupier was assessable to the public water rate made by the Belfast City and District Water Commissioners for the period of six months ending on 30th September 1973.

(3) Where there is no service pipe connecting the hereditament with a water main under the control of the Ministry of Development, the amount in the pound of the regional rate shall be reduced by 7½p.

(4) Where there is such a service pipe, the amount in the pound of the regional rate shall, so far as the rate falls to be assessed by reference to so much of the rateable value of the hereditament as exceeds £100, be reduced by 5p.

(5) Article 2 of, and the Schedule to, the Rates (Regional Rate and Belfast Special Abatements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973(**b**) have effect subject to this Article.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 5th day of October 1973.

(L.S.)

David Clement,
Assistant Secretary.

(**a**) S.I. 1972, No. 1633 (N.I. 16). (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 342.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order reduces the amount in the pound of the regional rate payable for the six months ending on 31st March 1974 in respect of non-domestic hereditaments in the former area of supply of the Belfast City and District Water Commissioners, to give the same relief to occupiers of those hereditaments as they enjoyed in respect of water rates made by the Commissioners. Where the hereditaments concerned have no piped water supply they will be chargeable at the rate in the pound which is applicable under the Rates (Regional Rate and Belfast Special Abatements) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 ("the normal rate") less $7\frac{1}{2}$p.; where they have a piped water supply, they will be chargeable as to the first £100 of rateable value at the normal rate and as to the remainder of the rateable value at 5p. less than the normal rate.