2006 No. 2954

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

RATES (AMENDMENT) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006

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BACKGROUND AND POLICY OBJECTIVES

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- Article 3: Regional rate and district rate
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- Article 5: Rateable values
- Article 6: Liability to be rated according to rateable values
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- Article 8: Basis of valuation
- Article 9: Right to pay rates by instalments
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PART III – VALUATION LISTS

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This Explanatory Memorandum refers to the Rates (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 No. 2954

- Article 15: Persons under 18 and persons in education and training or leaving care
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- Article 17: Rate rebates for certain hereditaments with special facilities for persons with disabilities
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- Article 19: Extension of exemption relating to sale of goods donated to a charity
- Article 20: Extension of charitable exemption for clergy residences
- Article 21: Power to prescribe exemption where hereditament has both a capital value and a net annual value
- Article 22: Power to remove exemption for unoccupied dwelling-houses,
- Article 23: Power to prescribe reduction in amount payable
- Article 24: Reduction of rates on former agricultural land,
- Article 25: Exemption for automatic telling machines in rural areas
- Article 26: Power to remove exemption for private dwellings from completion notices
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PART V – APPLICATIONS AND APPEALS

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- Article 36: Power to require information about occupiers of hereditaments in capital value list,
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COMMENCEMENT