# 1994 No. 156

# HOUSING

# Housing (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994

Made	•	•	•	•	•	15th April 1994
Coming	into op	peratio	on			20th June 1994

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 162 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Housing (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 20th June 1994.

# Forms

2. The forms set out in Schedule 2 (of which a List is set out in Schedule 1) shall be used for the purposes of Chapter II of Part III of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(b).

Revocation

3. The Regulations specified in Schedule 3 are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 15th April 1994.

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C. D. Doake

Assistant Secretary

(a) S.I. 1981/156 (N.I. 3); see Art. 2(2) for the definition of "the Department"
(b) As substituted by Schedule 5 to the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/1725 (N.I. 15))

# Housing

# List of Forms

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# *Housing* SCHEDULE 2

# No. 156 · Regulation 2

#### FORM 1

#### Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

# **ARTICLE 41**

# NOTICE TO EXECUTE REPAIRS TO AN UNFIT [HOUSE] [HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION] [FLAT]

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1. You are the person [owning] [managing] the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [flat] known as

("the premises").

- 2. The Executive is satisfied that the premises are unfit for human habitation as described in Schedule 1 to this notice.
- 3. The Executive having had regard to the guidance given by the Department under Article 46A of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 is satisfied that the most satisfactory course of action in respect of the premises is the service of a repair notice under Article 41(1) of the Order.
- 4. In the opinion of the Executive the works specified in Schedule 2 to this notice ("the works") [when taken together with works proposed to be carried out under a group repair scheme] will make the premises fit for human habitation.
- 5. Under Article 41(1) of the Order the Executive requires you to carry out the works and to begin them no later than the day of 19 and to complete them within the period of of that date.

# SCHEDULE 1

In the opinion of the Executive the premises fail to meet the following requirement(s) of Article 46(1) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981—

and, by reason of that failure, the premises are not reasonably suitable for occupation.

#### SCHEDULE 2

Specification of works to be carried out

[Date and signature]

#### NOTES

(as set out after Form 2 below)

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#### Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

#### ARTICLE 41(2)

# NOTICE TO EXECUTE REPAIRS TO A PART OF A BUILDING CONTAINING AN UNFIT FLAT

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1. You are the person owning the premises [known as] [comprising]

("the premises").

- 2. The premises are a part of the building containing the flat ("the flat") known as which is outside the flat.
- 3. The Executive is satisfied that the flat is unfit for human habitation as described in Schedule 1 to this notice.
- 4. The Executive having had regard to the guidance given by the Department under Article 46A of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, is satisfied that the most satisfactory course of action in respect of the flat is the service of a repair notice in respect of the premises under Article 41(2) of the Order.
- 5. In the opinion of the Executive the works specified in Schedule 2 to this notice ("the works") [together with the additional works specified in the repair notice served under Article 41(1) of the Order on of

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will make the flat fit for human habitation [when taken together with works proposed to be carried out under a group repair scheme].

6. Under Article 41(1) of the Order the Executive requires you to carry out the works and to begin them not later than the day of 19 and to complete them within the period of 0f that date.

#### SCHEDULE 1

In the opinion of the Executive [the flat fails to meet the following requirement(s) of Article 46(1) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981—

[and] [the building containing the flat] [the premises] fail(s) to meet the following requirements of Article 46(2) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981—

and by reason of that failure, the flat is not reasonably suitable for occupation.

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Specification of works to be carried out

[Date and signature]

#### NOTES TO FORMS 1 AND 2

(Statutory references, unless otherwise stated, are to Chapter II of Part III of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 as substituted by Schedule 5 to the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992).

#### [House in Multiple Occupation

A house in multiple occupation is a house (including any part of a building, such as a flat, which was originally constructed or subsequently adapted for occupation by a single household) which is occupied by persons who do not form a single household. [A part of a building which constitutes a flat in multiple occupation is referred to as a house in multiple occupation.]

(Article 75, Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992)]\*

\* Include this note, as appropriate, only where the notice relates to a house in multiple occupation.

#### [Group Repair Scheme

The Executive has decided that within the next 12 months the premises to which this notice relates should form part of a group repair scheme under Articles 65 to 68 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992. This is a scheme under which the outside of a block of at least 4 houses is put into reasonable repair by the Executive but with the owner paying part or all of the cost. The owner's consent is needed for inclusion of the premises in a scheme. The Executive will provide you with full details of the scheme in due course. If, for whatever reason, the premises do not eventually form part of a group repair scheme the Executive may need to serve a further repair notice, requiring you to carry out the works of repair which would have been carried out under the scheme.

(Article 41A)]\*\*

\*\* Include this note only where Article 41A applies.

#### **Right of Appeal**

If you do not agree with this notice you may appeal against it to the county court but you must do this within 21 days after this notice is served on you.

(Article 43)

For example, you may appeal if you think that making a demolition order under Article 35 (which would require the premises to be pulled down) or a closing order under Article 38 (which would prevent the premises being used for human habitation) is the most satisfactory course of action in respect of the premises. If you do so appeal,

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the court will have regard to the guidance given by the Department under Article 46A of the Order.

(Article 43(3) and Article 46A)

# **Operation of Notice**

If there is not an appeal, the notice will become operative at the end of 21 days from the date it is served.

(Article 42(1))

If there is an appeal and the county court confirms the notice, it will not become operative until the period for appealing to the Court of Appeal expires without such an appeal being brought. If there is such a further appeal the notice will not become operative until it is confirmed by the Court of Appeal.

(Article 44(2))

If you start an appeal to the county court and then withdraw it, the notice will become operative on the day on which it would have become operative if the county court had confirmed the notice on the day on which you withdrew the appeal.

(Article 44(2))

# Effect of Notice

If you do not comply with the notice, the Executive may do the work itself and charge you with the cost.

(Article 42(1) and (3))

To comply with the notice you must start and finish the works-

- (a) if you do not appeal, by the date and within the time stated in the notice;
- (b) if you do appeal and the notice is upheld, by the 21st day after the date of the final determination of the appeal or within such longer time as the court may fix; and
- (c) if you start an appeal and then withdraw it, by the 21st day after the date on which the notice becomes operative and within the period (beginning on that 21st day) stated in the notice.

(Article 42(1))

If during the period in which the works are to be carried out the notice is not complied with the Executive may, after giving notice in writing of its intention to do so, do the work itself and charge you with the cost.

(Article 42(1) and (3))

#### Penalty

If you intentionally fail to comply with the notice you commit an offence punishable by a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale (currently  $\pounds 1,000$ ).

(Article 41B)

# Statutory Charge

Where this notice has become operative and the Executive has, in default of the owner of the premises, carried out the required work the recovery of the cost may be registered in the Statutory Charges Register. This means that the expenses and interest due to the Executive can be deducted from the consideration received for the premises when sold.

#### (Articles 42 and 161)

#### Grant

You may be entitled under Part III of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 to a mandatory grant from the Executive towards the cost of the works. The premises will have to satisfy the preliminary conditions of grant in each case. You should contact the Executive and apply to it before you start the works and for a fuller explanation of the grants system.

#### **County Court**

If you decide to appeal you will need to apply to your local county court (the main county court venues are listed below). The court staff will explain the procedures that have to be followed.

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Newtownards Court Office The Courthouse	e Omagh Court Office The Courthouse	
Regent Street NEWTOWNARDS BT23 4LP	High Street OMAGH BT78 1UD	
Tel: (0247) 810222	Tel: (0662) 242056	

#### Advice

If you do not understand this notice or you wish to know more about it, you should contact the Executive. If you want independent advice about your rights and obligations you should go to a Citizens Advice Bureau, the Housing Rights Service, Belfast Law Centre or a solicitor. You may be able to obtain help with all or part of the cost of legal advice from a solicitor under the Legal Aid Scheme. If you do not know whether you could apply for Legal Aid you can see a solicitor who may be prepared to give you half-an-hour of legal advice for a small fee. If you want to know more about the works the Executive requires you to do, you may wish to consult a surveyor.

# Housing FORM 3

### Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

#### ARTICLE 42(2)

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE'S INTENTION TO ENTER AND EXECUTE WORKS

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1. You are [the person occupying] [the] [an] [owner of] the premises [known as] [comprising]

("the premises")

- 2. The Executive on 19 served a notice under Article 41 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 requiring certain works to be carried out to the premises.
- 3. The notice has not been complied with and the Executive under Article 42 may now itself do the works required by the notice [as varied by the court].
- 4. The Executive, under Article 42(2) of the Order, hereby gives you notice that it is about to enter the premises in order to do the works.

[Date and signature]

# NOTES

(Statutory references are to Chapter II of Part III of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, as substituted by Schedule 5 to the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992).

#### **Recovery of Expenses**

If you are the owner of the premises, the Executive may recover from you the expenses it reasonably incurs in carrying out the works, together with interest at the prescribed rate from the date of service of a demand for all its expenses until full payment is made, and the expenses will be a charge on the premises.

(Article 42(3) and (5))

#### Advice

If you do not understand this notice or wish to know more about it, you should contact the Executive. If you want independent advice about your rights and obligations, you should go to a Citizens Advice Bureau, the Housing Rights Service, Belfast Law Centre or a solicitor. You may be able to obtain help with all or part of the cost of legal advice from a solicitor under the Legal Aid Scheme. If you do not know whether you could apply for Legal Aid you can see a solicitor who may be prepared to give you half-an-hour of legal advice for a small fee.

#### Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

# ARTICLE 38

#### CLOSING ORDER

1. The Executive is satisfied that the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [flat(s) known as , in the building known as ,] [is] [are] unfit for human habitation as described in the Schedule to this order.

2. The Executive, having had regard to the guidance given by the Department under Article 46A of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, is satisfied that the most satisfactory course of action in respect of the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [building] is to make a closing order in respect of the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [whole of the building] [part of the building consisting of ].

3. [Under Article 38 of the Order, the Executive prohibits the use of the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [whole of the building] [part of the building mentioned above] for any purpose.]\*

\* Include this paragraph, as appropriate, only where the closing order is made under Article 38(1) or (2).

[Under Article 38(4) of the Order, the Executive prohibits the use of the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [whole of the building] [part of the building mentioned above] for any purpose not approved by the Executive [, and approves the following purpose(s):

\*\* Include this paragraph, as appropriate, only where the closing order is made under Article 38(4).

#### SCHEDULE

In the opinion of the Executive [the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [flat(s)] fail(s) to meet the following requirement(s) of Article 46(1) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981—

[and] [ [the building] [part of the building outside the flat(s) namely

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fails to meet the following requirement(s) of Article 46(2) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981—

and, by reason of that failure, the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [flat(s)] [is] [are] not reasonably suitable for occupation.

[Date and Signature]

# Housing NOTES

(Statutory references are to Chapter II of Part III of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 as substituted by Schedule 5 to the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.)

#### [House in multiple occupation

A house in multiple occupation is described in Article 75 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 as a house (including any part of a building, such as a flat, which was originally constructed or subsequently adapted for occupation by a single household) which is occupied by persons who do not form a single household.]\*\*\*

\*\*\* Include this note only where the closing order relates to a house in multiple occupation.

#### **Right of appeal**

If you do not agree with this order you may appeal against it to the county court but you must do this within 21 days after the date the order is served on you.

(Article 43(1))

You do not have this right of appeal if you occupy the premises or the part of the premises in question under a lease or agreement of which the unexpired term does not exceed one year.

(Article 43(2))

You may, for example, appeal on the ground that service of a repair notice under Article 41 (which would require repairs to be carried out) or making a demolition order under Article 35 (which would require the premises to be demolished) is the most satisfactory course of action in respect of the premises. If you do so appeal, the Court will have regard to the guidance given under Article 46A by the Department.

(Article 43(3))

#### **Operation of order**

If you do not appeal, this order will become operative at the end of 21 days from the date of its service on you.

(Article 44(1))

If you do appeal and the county court confirms the order, it will not become operative until the period for appealing to the Court of Appeal expires without such an appeal being brought. If there is such a further appeal, the order will not become operative until it is confirmed by the Court of Appeal.

(Article 44(2))

#### Premises being made fit

If at some future date the Executive is satisfied that the house or the whole or part of the building has been made fit for human habitation, it may bring the order to an

end (wholly or in part, as the case may be). If it refuses to do so, you may (unless you occupy the house or the whole or part of the building in question under a lease or agreement of which the unexpired term does not exceed one year) appeal to the county court within 21 days after its refusal.

(Articles 39 and 43)

#### [Substitution of demolition order for closing order

The Executive may at any time revoke this closing order and make a demolition order in respect of the premises. It must serve you with a copy of any demolition order it makes.

(Articles 35(3) and 38(7))]\*\*\*\*

### **County Court**

If you decide to appeal you will need to apply to your local county court (the main county court venues are listed below). The court staff will explain the procedures that have to be followed.

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#### Penalties

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Anyone who, knowing that this order has become operative and applies to the premises, uses or permits someone else to use them in breach of the terms of this order, commits an offence punishable in the magistrates' court by a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (currently £2,000) and to a further fine of not more than £10 a day if he continues to commit the offence after he has been convicted.

(Article 40)

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#### **Compensation payable to owners**

If you are the owner of the premises you are entitled to compensation. Compensation is assessed, in accordance with the Land Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 1982, on the basis of any decrease in the compulsory purchase value of your estate in the premises which has been caused by the making of this closing order, taken at the date on which the order is made. Generally speaking, this means that the compensation you receive should be equal to the drop, if any, in the amount that you would have received for your interest in the premises if you had sold it on the open market on the date the closing order was made, compared with the amount you would have received if you had sold it immediately before that date.

(Article 91)

The making of a closing order may not always cause the value of an interest to drop and, on occasions, may even increase its value. In both these circumstances, no compensation will be paid.

(Article 91)

If you cannot reach an agreement with the Executive about the amount of compensation, if any, that you should receive, the case can be referred to the Lands Tribunal which is an independent body appointed to deal with such disputes.

(Article 91(2)(b))

If the premises are later made fit for human habitation, and the Executive brings this closing order to an end in respect of the whole or part of the premises (see above under "Premises being made fit"), you may be required to pay back some or all of the compensation you received in respect of it, provided that at the time the order is brought to an end you have the same interest in the premises as you had when the compensation was paid.

(Article 92)

[If the closing order is brought to an end because the Executive decides to make a demolition order instead (see above under "Substitution of demolition order for closing order"), the amount of compensation, if any, that you may receive in respect of the demolition order will be reduced by the amount of compensation, if any, already received in respect of this closing order.

(Article 91(4))]\*\*\*\*

#### Compensation payable to occupiers and rehousing

Occupiers who are displaced from the premises because of this closing order may be entitled to a home loss payment or a disturbance payment from the Executive under the Land Acquisition and Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 as amended by the Home Loss Payments (Northern Ireland) Order 1992. They may also be entitled to be rehoused by the Executive if they cannot otherwise obtain suitable alternative accommodation on reasonable terms. Further details may be obtained from the Executive.

# If you do not understand this order or wish to know more about it, or about the sibility of your being able to obtain compensation or be rehoused if the order

possibility of your being able to obtain compensation or be rehoused if the order becomes operative, you should contact the Executive. If you want independent advice about your rights and obligations, you should go to a Citizens' Advice Bureau, Belfast Law Centre, Housing Rights Service or a solicitor. You may be able to obtain help with all or part of the cost of legal advice from a solicitor under the Legal Aid Scheme. If you do not know whether you could apply for Legal Aid you can see a solicitor who may be prepared to give you half-an-hour of legal advice for a small fee. You may also wish to consult a surveyor.

\*\*\*\* Include these notes unless the power to substitute a demolition order is not exercisable in relation to this closing order by virtue of Article 38(4).

#### Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

### ARTICLE 35

#### DEMOLITION ORDER

1. The Executive is satisfied that the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [flat(s) known as , in the building known as ,] [is] [are] unfit for human habitation as described in the Schedule to this order.

2. The Executive, having had regard to the guidance given by the Department under Article 46A of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 is satisfied that the most satisfactory course of action in respect of the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [building] is to make a demolition order.

3. Under Article 35 of the Order, the Executive orders that the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [building] shall be----

- (a) vacated within the period of from the date on which this order becomes operative;
- (b) demolished and the materials removed within the period of after the end of that period or, if it is not vacated before the end of that period, within the period of after the date on which it is vacated.

#### SCHEDULE

In the opinion of the Executive, [the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [flat(s)] fail(s) to meet the following requirement(s) of Article 46(1) of the Order

[and] [[the building] [part of the building outside the flat(s), namely

fails to meet the following requirement(s) of Article 46(2) of the Order

and by reason of that failure, the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [flat(s)] [is] [are] not reasonably suitable for occupation.

[Date and Signature]

#### NOTES

(Statutory references are to Chapter II of Part III of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, as amended by Schedule 5 to the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992).

#### Compensation payable to occupiers and rehousing

Occupiers who are displaced from the premises because of this demolition order may be entitled to a home loss payment or a disturbance payment from the Executive under the Land Acquisition and Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 as amended by the Home Loss Payments (Northern Ireland) Order 1992. They may also be entitled to be rehoused by the Executive if they cannot otherwise obtain suitable alternative accommodation on reasonable terms. Further details may be obtained from the Executive.

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#### Advice

If you do not understand this order or wish to know more about it, or about the provisions under which the premises can be reconstructed, enlarged or improved, or used for a purpose other than human habitation, or about the possibility of your being able to obtain compensation or be rehoused if the order becomes operative, you should contact the Executive. If you want independent advice about your rights and obligations, you should go to a Citizen's Advice Bureau, Belfast Law Centre, Housing Rights Service or a solicitor. You may be able to obtain help with all or part of the cost of legal advice from a solicitor under the Legal Aid Scheme. If you do not know whether you could apply for Legal Aid you can see a solicitor who may be prepared to give you half-an-hour of legal advice for a small fee. You may also wish to consult a surveyor.

#### [House in multiple occupation

A house in multiple occupation is a house which is occupied by persons who do not form a single household.

(Article 75, Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992)]\*

\* Include this note only where the demolition order relates to a house in multiple occupation which is not a flat in multiple occupation.

#### **Right of appeal**

If you do not agree with this order you may appeal against it to the county court but you must do this within 21 days after the date the order is served on you.

(Article 43(1))

You do not have this right of appeal if you occupy the premises or the part of the premises in question under a lease or agreement of which the unexpired term does not exceed one year.

(Article 43(2))

You may, for example, appeal on the ground that service of a repair notice under Article 41 (which would require repairs to be carried out) or making a closing order under Article 38 (which would require the premises to be closed) is the most satisfactory course of action in respect of the premises. If you do so appeal, the court will have regard to the guidance given under Article 46A by the Department.

(Article 43(3))

#### **Operation of order**

If you do not appeal, this order will become operative at the end of 21 days from the date of its service on you.

(Article 44(1))

If you do appeal and the county court confirms the order, it will not become operative until the period for appealing to the Court of Appeal expires without such an appeal being brought. If there is such a further appeal, the order will not become operative until it is confirmed by the Court of Appeal.

(Article 44)

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## Vacation and demolition

The period specified in paragraph 3(a) of the order must be at least 28 days and that specified in paragraph 3(b) must be at least 6 weeks.

(Article 35(5))

When the order has become operative, the owner of the premises to which it applies (ie, a freeholder or a leaseholder with a lease that has more than one year to run) must demolish the premises within the period specified in paragraph 5(b) of the order; if the premises are not demolished within that period, the Executive must carry out the demolition itself and sell the materials.

(Article 35(6))

If the Executive demolishes the premises itself, it may recover the cost of doing so from the owner but must credit him with any money it has obtained by selling the materials. Any surplus is to be paid to the owner. There are provisions to deal with the case where there is more than one owner.

(Article 35(7))

#### **Reconstruction of condemned premises**

There are provisions under which proposals may be made to the Executive for the premises to be reconstructed, enlarged or improved. If the Executive is satisfied that these proposals would result in the provision of one or more houses or houses in multiple occupation which are fit for human habitation, it may extend the time allowed by this order for carrying out the demolition and, if the works are carried out to the satisfaction of the Executive it may revoke this order.

(Article 37)

#### Substitution of closing order

Similarly, there are provisions under which the Executive may accept proposals that the house should be used for a purpose other than human habitation and, if the Executive accepts the proposals, it may substitute a closing order for this demolition order.

(Article 37A)

#### **County Court**

If you decide to appeal you will need to apply to your local county court (the main county court venues are listed below). The court staff will explain the procedures that have to be followed.

Armagh Court Office	Ballymena Court Office The Courthouse	Belfast County Court Office The Courthouse
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#### **Penalties**

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Anyone who, knowing that this order has become operative and applies to the premises, enters into occupation of them, or permits someone else to do so, after the date fixed by the order for the vacation of the premises, or after the date on which the building is in fact vacated, whichever is the earlier, commits an offence punishable in the magistrates' court by a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (currently  $\pounds 2,000$ ) and to a further fine of not more than  $\pounds 10$  a day as long as the occupation continues after conviction.

(Article 36(3))

#### **Compensation payable to owners**

If you are the owner of the premises you are entitled to compensation. Compensation is assessed, in accordance with the Land Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 1982, on the basis of any decrease in the compulsory purchase value of your estate in the premises, which has been caused by the making of this demolition order, taken at the date on which the order is made. Generally speaking, this means that the compensation you receive should be equal to the drop, if any, in the amount that you would have received for your estate in the premises if you had sold it on the open market on the date the order was made, compared with the amount you would have received if you had sold it immediately before that date.

(Article 91)

The making of a demolition order may not always cause the value of an interest to drop and, on occasions, may even increase its value. In both these circumstances, no compensation will be paid.

(Article 91)

If you cannot reach an agreement with the Executive about the amount of compensation, if any, that you should receive, the case may be referred to the Lands Tribunal which is an independent body appointed to deal with such disputes.

(Article 91)

If the Executive later revokes this order (see above under "Reconstruction of condemned premises"), you may be required to pay back any compensation you received in respect of it, provided that at the time the order is brought to an end you have the same estate in the premises as you had when the compensation was paid.

(Article 92)

# FORM 6

# Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

#### **ARTICLE 36**

#### NOTICE TO OCCUPIER TO QUIT PREMISES AFTER DEMOLITION ORDER HAS BECOME OPERATIVE

To of

1. You are an occupier of the premises known as ("the premises").

2. On 19 , the Executive made a demolition order requiring the premises—

- (a) to be vacated within the period of from the date the order becomes operative, and
- (b) to be demolished within the period of after the end of that period, or if the premises are not vacated before the end of that period, within the period of after the date on which they are vacated.

3. The order became operative on 19 and requires the premises to be vacated by 19.

4. Under Article 36 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, you are required to quit the premises before 19

[Date and signature]

#### NOTES

(Statutory references are to Chapter II of Part III of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, as amended by Schedule 5 to the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992).

#### Period of notice to quit

The date specified in paragraph 4 of the notice must be the date by which the premises have to be vacated or, if later, the date at the end of 28 days from the date this notice is served on you.

(Article 36(1))

#### **Eviction order**

If you, or anyone else, is in occupation of the premises, or any part of them, on or after the date specified in paragraph 4 of this notice as the date before which you are to quit, either the Executive or an owner of the premises may apply to the county court for an eviction order and the court will be obliged to give vacant possession of the premises to the Executive or the owner, as the case may be.

(Article 36(2))

# Housing Penalty

Anyone who, knowing that the demolition order has become operative and applies to the premises, enters into occupation of them, or any part of them, or permits someone else to do so, after the date fixed by the order for the vacation of the premises or after the date on which the premises are in fact vacated, commits an offence punishable in the magistrates' court by a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (currently £2,000) and to a further fine of not more than £10 a day as long as the occupation continues after conviction.

(Article 36(3))

#### Compensation payable to occupiers and rehousing

Occupiers who are displaced from the premises because of a demolition order may be entitled to a home loss payment or a disturbance payment from the Executive under the Land Acquisition and Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 as amended by the Home Loss Payments (Northern Ireland) Order 1992. They may also be entitled to be rehoused by the Executive if they cannot otherwise obtain suitable alternative accommodation on reasonable terms. Further details may be obtained from the Executive.

#### Advice

If you do not understand this notice or wish to know more about it, or about the possibility of your being able to obtain compensation or be rehoused, you should contact the Executive. If you want independent advice about your rights and obligations, you should go to a Citizens' Advice Bureau, Belfast Law Centre, Housing Rights Service or a solicitor. You may be able to obtain help with all or part of the cost of legal advice from a solicitor under the Legal Aid Scheme. If you do not know whether you could apply for Legal Aid you can see a solicitor who may be prepared to give you half-an-hour of legal advice for a small fee.

#### Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

# ARTICLE 37A

#### CLOSING ORDER SUBSTITUTED FOR DEMOLITION ORDER

1. The Executive on19made a demolitition order under Article35 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 with respect to the [house] [house in<br/>multiple occupation] [building] known as<br/>operative onand this order became<br/>to the security of the s

2. [Proposals for the use of the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [building] for purposes other than human habitation have been made to the Executive by a person who has an interest in the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [building]. The Executive has accepted these proposals and has decided to determine the demolition order and to substitute a closing order].

3. The Executive hereby gives notice that the demolition order has been determined.

4. Under Article 37A, the Executive prohibits the use of the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [building] for any purpose not approved by the Executive [and approves the following purpose(s):— ].

[Date and signature]

#### NOTES

(Statutory references are to Chapter II of Part III of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, as substituted by Schedule 5 to the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992).

#### Premises being made fit

If at some future date the Executive is satisfied that the premises (or part of them) have been made fit for human habitation, it must bring the order to an end (wholly or in part, as the case may be). If it refuses to do so you may (unless you occupy the premises or the part of the premises in question under a lease or agreement of which the unexpired term does not exceed one year) appeal to the county court within 21 days after the Executive's refusal.

(Article 43)

#### **Penalties**

Anyone who, knowing that this order has become operative and applies to the premises, uses or permits someone else to use them in breach of the terms of this order, commits an offence punishable in the magistrates' court by a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (currently £2,000) and to a further fine of not more than £10 a day if he continues to commit the offence after he has been convicted.

(Article 40)

# Advice

If you do not understand this order or wish to know more about it, you should contact the Executive. If you want independent advice about your rights and obligations, you should go to a Citizens' Advice Bureau, Belfast Law Centre, Housing Rights Service or a solicitor. You may be able to obtain help with all or part of the cost of legal advice from a solicitor under the Legal Aid Scheme. If you do not know whether you could apply for Legal Aid you can see a solicitor who may be prepared to give you half-an-hour of legal advice for a small fee.

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#### Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

# ARTICLE 38(7)

#### DEMOLITION ORDER SUBSTITUTED FOR CLOSING ORDER

1. The Executive on 19 made a closing order under Article 38 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 with respect to the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [building] known as ("the premises").

2. The Executive, under Article 38(7) of the Order, revokes the closing order and, under Article 35 of the Order, orders that the [house] [house in multiple occupation] [building] shall be—

- (a) vacated within the period of from the date on which this order becomes operative;
- (b) demolished and the materials removed within the period of after the end of that period or, if it is not vacated before the end of that period, within the period of vacated.

[Date and signature]

#### NOTES

(Statutory references are to Chapter II of Part III of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, as amended by Schedule 5 to the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992).

#### **Right of appeal**

If you do not agree with this order you may appeal against it to the county court but you must do this within 21 days after the date the order is served on you.

(Article 43(1))

You do not have this right of appeal if you occupy the premises or the part of the premises in question under a lease or agreement of which the unexpired term does not exceed one year.

(Article 43(2))

#### **Operation of order**

If you do not appeal, this order will become operative at the end of 21 days from the date of its service on you.

(Article 44(1))

If you do appeal and the county court confirms the order, it will not become operative until the period for appealing to the Court of Appeal expires without such an appeal being brought. If there is such a further appeal, the order will not become operative until it is confirmed by the Court of Appeal.

(Article 44(1))

#### Vacation and demolition

The period specified in paragraph 2(a) of the order must be at least 28 days and that specified in paragraph 2(b) must be at least 6 weeks.

(Article 35)

When the order has become operative, the owner of the premises (ie a freeholder or a leaseholder with a lease that has more than one year to run) must demolish the premises within the period specified in paragraph 2(b) of the order; if the premises are not demolished within that period, the Executive must carry out the demolition itself and sell the materials.

(Article 35(6))

If the Executive demolishes the premises itself, it may recover the cost of doing so from the owner but must credit him with any money it has obtained by selling the materials. Any surplus is to be paid to the owner. There are provisions to deal with the case where there is more than one owner.

(Article 35(7))

#### **Reconstruction of condemned premises**

There are provisions under which proposals may be made to the Executive for the premises to be reconstructed, enlarged or improved. If the Executive is satisfied that these proposals would result in the provision of one or more houses or houses in multiple occupation which are fit for human habitation, it may extend the time allowed by this order for carrying out the demolition and, if the works are carried out to the satisfaction of the Executive, it may revoke this order.

(Article 37)

#### **County Court**

If you decide to appeal you will need to apply to your local county court (the main county court venues are listed below). The court staff will explain the procedures that have to be followed.

Armagh Court Office The Courthouse The Mall ARMAGH BT61 9DJ	Ballymena Court Office The Courthouse 9-13 Ballymoney Road BALLYMENA BT43 5EH	Belfast County Court Office The Courthouse Old Town Hall Building 80 Victoria Street BELFAST BT1 3GL
Tel: (0861) 522816	Tel; (0266) 49416	Tel: (0232) 326260
Craigavon Court Office The Courthouse Central Way CRAIGAVON BT64 1AP Tel: (0762) 341324	Downpatrick Court Office The Courthouse English Street DOWNPATRICK BT30 6AD Tel: (0396) 614621	Londonderry Court Office The Courthouse Bishop Street LONDONDERRY BT48 6PQ Tel: (0504) 363448

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Newtownards Court Office Omagh Court OfficeThe CourthouseThe CourthouseRegent StreetHigh StreetNEWTOWNARDSOMAGHBT23 4LPBT78 1UDTel: (0247) 810222Tel: (0662) 242056

#### **Penalties**

Anyone who, knowing that this order has become operative and applies to the premises, enters into occupation of them, or permits someone else to do so, after the date fixed by the order for the vacation of the premises to which it applies, commits an offence punishable in the magistrates' court by a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (currently  $\pounds 2,000$ ) and to a further fine of not more than  $\pounds 10$  a day as long as the occupation continues after conviction.

(Article 36(3))

#### **Compensation payable to owners**

If you are the owner of the premises you may be entitled to compensation. Compensation is assessed on the same basis as that which applied to the closing order in place of which this demolition order has been made. The amount of compensation, if any, that you may receive in respect of this demolition order will be reduced by the amount of compensation, if any, received by you or a previous owner in respect of the closing order.

(Article 91(4))

#### Advice

If you do not understand this order or wish to know more about it, or about the provisions under which the premises can be reconstructed, enlarged or improved, or about the possibility of your being able to obtain compensation if the order becomes operative, you should contact the Executive. If you want independent advice about your rights and obligations, you should go to a Citizen's Advice Bureau, Belfast Law Centre, Housing Rights Service or a solicitor. You may be able to obtain help with all or part of the cost of legal advice from a solicitor under the Legal Aid Scheme. If you do not know whether you could apply for Legal Aid you can see a solicitor who may be prepared to give you half-an-hour of legal advice for a small fee. You may also wish to consult a surveyor.

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#### ARTICLE 33

#### CLEARANCE ORDER

Pursuant to Article 32 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 the Executive by a resolution passed on the 19 has declared a certain area which it had duly caused to be defined on a map to be a clearance area;

By a resolution, passed on the 19, the Executive determined that, having had regard to the guidance given by the Department under Article 46A of the Order, the most satisfactory course of action is to order the demolition of the buildings referred to which are situate within the clearance area;

The Executive in pursuance of its powers under Article 33 of the Order hereby orders as follows:—

1. The buildings specified in the Schedule and delineated and coloured pink on the annexed map marked "Map referred to in the (1) Clearance Order, 19 " and sealed with the Common Seal of the Executive shall be demolished;

2. For the purposes of demolition each such building shall be vacated on or before the expiration of the period specified in the sixth column of the Schedule opposite the number and description of that building in columns 1 and 2;

3. This order may be cited as the (1) Clearance Order, 19

Reference Numbers on Map annexed	Description and situation of buildings	reputed	Lessees or reputed Lessees	Occupation (except tenants for a month or less)	Period from the date Order becomes operative within which the building is to be vacated
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

#### **SCHEDULE**

Dated this day of 19.

Present when the Common Seal of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive was affixed:—

Authorised Officer

Officers of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive

(1) Insert title of Order

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# Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

#### SCHEDULE 4 — PARAGRAPH 2(1)(*a*)

#### Notice to be published of making of Clearance Order

(1) ..... Clearance Order, 19

In accordance with paragraph 2(1)(a) of Part I of Schedule 4 to the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 notice is given that the Executive, in pursuance of its powers under Article 33 of the Order, on the 19, made the (1) Clearance Order, 19, ordering the demolition of the buildings in the area described in the Schedule.

A copy of the order and of the map referred to have been deposited at (2) and may be seen at all reasonable hours.

#### SCHEDULE (3)

19

Dated this day of

Authorising Officer

(1) Insert title of order.

(2) Insert address of Regional and District Offices.

(3) Describe the area.

#### Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

# SCHEDULE 4 — PARAGRAPH 2(1)(b)

#### Notice to be served as to the making of a Clearance Order

To (1) ..... of .....

The Executive, in pursuance of its powers under Article 33 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, on the 19 made the (2) Clearance Order, 19, which is about to be submitted to the Department for confirmation, ordering the demolition of the buildings in the area described in the Schedule. Copies of the order and of the map referred to therein have been deposited at (3) and may be seen at all reasonable hours.

The buildings included in the area to which the order relates in which you are interested as (4) are (5) and the order required that for the purposes of demolition these buildings shall be vacated within (6) after the order becomes operative.

Any objection to the order stating the grounds of the objection must be made in writing to the Secretary, Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8GB, before the (7) 19

#### SCHEDULE (8)

Dated this

day of

19.

# Authorised Officer

- (1) Insert name and address.
- (2) Insert title of order.
- (3) Insert address of Regional and District Offices.
- (4) Insert owner, lessee, mortgagee or occupier as the case may be.
- (5) Insert description and location of buildings.
- (6) Insert period prescribed by clearance order.
- (7) Insert date for objections (allow a period not less than 6 weeks from date of service of notice).

(8) Describe the area.

#### NOTES

1. If no objection is made, or if all objections are withdrawn, the Department may, if it thinks fit, confirm the order with or without modification; but in any other case the Department is required, before confirming the order, to cause a public local inquiry to be held and to consider any objections not withdrawn and the report of the person who held the inquiry, and may then confirm the order with or without modification.

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2. If the order is confirmed by the Department it will become operative at the expiration of 6 weeks from the date on which notice of its confirmation is published, but if proceedings in the County Court are commenced within that period by an aggrieved person desirous of questioning the validity of the order, the Court may, if satisfied that the clearance order is not within the powers of the Order of 1981 or that the interests of the applicant have been substantially prejudiced by any requirement of the clearance order not having been complied with, quash the clearance order either generally or in so far as it affects any property of the applicant.

3. If the order becomes operative the owner or owners of any building to which the order applies shall demolish that building before the expiration of 6 weeks from the date on which the building is required by the order to be vacated or, if it is not vacated until after that date, before the expiration of 6 weeks from the date on which it is vacated. In either case the period of 6 weeks may be extended by the Executive.

4. Where a person residing in a house is dispossessed as a result of this order, and no suitable alternative residential accommodation on reasonable terms is available, and at the date of dispossession he was residing lawfully in the house, the Executive must secure for that person reasonable alternative accommodation.

#### **Compensation Payments to Owners**

If you are the owner of the premises and the order is confirmed by the Department you are entitled to compensation under Chapter II of Part V of the Order of 1981 as amended by Article 93 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992. Compensation is assessed, in accordance with the Land Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 1982, on the basis of any decrease in the compulsory purchase value of your estate in the premises which has been caused by the making of this clearance order, taken at the date on which the order is made. Generally speaking, this means that the compensation you receive should be equal to the drop, if any, in the amount that you would have received for your estate in the premises if you had sold it on the open market on the date the order was made, compared with the amount you would have received if you had sold it immediately before that date.

(Article 91)

The making of a clearance order may not always cause the value of an interest to drop and, on occasions, may even increase its value. In both these circumstances, no compensation will be paid.

(Article 91)

If you cannot reach an agreement with the Executive about the amount of compensation, if any, that you should receive, the case may be referred to the Lands Tribunal which is an independent body appointed to deal with such disputes.

(Article 91)

If the Executive later revokes this order (and an exclusion order is made under Article 34) you may be required to pay back any compensation you received in respect of it, provided that at the time the order is brought to an end you have the same estate in the premises as you had when the compensation was paid.

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#### Compensation payable to occupiers and rehousing

Occupiers who are displaced from the premises because of this order may be entitled to a home loss payment or a disturbance payment from the Executive under the Land Acquisition and Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 as amended by the Home Loss Payments (Northern Ireland) Order 1992. They may also be entitled to be rehoused by the Executive if they cannot otherwise obtain suitable alternative accommodation on reasonable terms. Further details may be obtained from the Executive.

#### Advice

If you do not understand this order or wish to know more about it, or about the possibility of you being able to obtain compensation or be rehoused if the order becomes operative, you should contact the Executive. If you want independent advice about your rights and obligations, you should go to a Citizen's Advice Bureau, Belfast Law Centre, Housing Rights Service or a solicitor. You may be able to obtain help with all or part of the cost of legal advice from a solicitor under the Legal Aid Scheme. If you do not know whether you could apply for Legal Aid you can see a solicitor who may be prepared to give you half-an-hour of legal advice for a small fee. You may also wish to consult a surveyor.

#### FORM 12

#### Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

#### SCHEDULE 4 — PARAGRAPH 6

# Notice to be published of Clearance Order having been confirmed by the Department

(1) ..... Clearance Order, 19

Notice is given that the Department, in pursuance of its powers under Part III of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 as amended by Schedule 5 to the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992, on the 19 , confirmed (2) [with modifications] the (1) Clearance Order, 19 , submitted to it by the Executive ordering the demolition of the buildings in the area described in the Schedule and their vacation within the periods respectively specified in the order.

A copy of the order and of the map referred to therein have been deposited at (3) and may be seen at all reasonable hours.

The order will become operative at the expiration of 6 weeks from the date of publication of this notice, but if proceedings in the Court are instituted within that period by an aggrieved person desirous of questioning the validity of the order, the Court may, if satisfied that the clearance order is not within the powers of the Order of 1981 or that the interests of the applicant have been substantially prejudiced by any requirement of the clearance order not having been complied with, quash the clearance order either generally or in so far as it affects any property of the applicant.

#### SCHEDULE (4)

Dated this

day of

19.

Authorised Officer

- (1) Insert title of order.
- (2) Delete if inapplicable.
- (3) Insert address of Regional and District Offices.
- (4) Describe the area.

#### Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

## SCHEDULE 4 — PARAGRAPH 6

#### Notice to be served of Clearance Order having been confirmed by the Department

# [To be served on persons who gave notice of objection and appeared at the Local Inquiry]

(1) ..... Clearance Order

The Department, in pursuance of its powers under Part III of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 as amended by Schedule 5 to the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992, on the 19 confirmed (3) [with modifications] the (1)Clearance Order, 19, submitted to it by the Executive ordering the demolition of the buildings in the area described in the Schedule and their vacation within the periods respectively described in the order.

A copy of the order and of the map referred to therein may be seen at all reasonable hours at (4)

The order will become operative at the expiration of 6 weeks from the 19, on which date a notice in like terms to this notice was published in the press, but if proceedings in the County Court are commenced within that period by an aggrieved person desirous of questioning the validity of the order, the Court may, if satisfied that the clearance order is not within the powers of the Order of 1981 or that the interests of the applicant have been substantially prejudiced by any requirement of the clearance order not having been complied with, quash the clearance order either generally or in so far as it affects any property of the applicant.

#### SCHEDULE (5)

Dated this day of 19

Authorised Officer

(1) Insert title of order.

(2) Insert name and address.(3) Delete if inapplicable.

(4) Insert address of Regional and District Offices.

(5) Describe the area.

# Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

# SCHEDULE 4

#### Notice to occupier to quit building after Clearance Order has become operative

being the occupier of the building known as To (1)

(2)

Take Notice:----

Clearance Order, 19, made by the Executive in That by the (3) pursuance of its powers under Article 33 of The Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, and confirmed by the Department on the 19, it was ordered that the above-mentioned building be demolished and for the purposes of demolition be vacated within (4) from the date when the order became operative.

And that the (3) Clearance Order, 19 became operative on the 19 .

And that, in pursuance of Schedule 4 to the Order of 1981, you are required to quit the said building before the (5)

Dated this day of 19

Authorised Officer

(1) Insert name of occupier.

(2) Insert address of building.(3) Insert title of order.

(4) Insert period specified in the order.

(5) Insert date which is 28 days from service of the notice or the end of the period mentioned in the order, if later.

#### NOTES

1. Any person who, knowing that a clearance order is in operation in relation to any building, enters into occupation of that building or of any part thereof after the date by which the order requires that building to be vacated or after the date on which the building is in fact vacated, whichever is the earlier, or permits any other person to enter into such occupation after that date, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale and to a further fine not exceeding  $\pm 10$  for every day or part of a day on which the occupation continues after conviction.

2. Where a person residing in a house is dispossessed as a result of this order, and at the date of dispossession he was residing lawfully, the Executive must secure for and offer to that person reasonable alternative accommodation.

Housing SCHEDULE 3

909 Regulation 3

# **Regulations Revoked**

Title	Reference
The Housing (Form of Orders and Notices) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963 No. 9
The Housing (Form of Orders and Notices) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968 No. 241
The Housing (Form of Declaration of Unfitness Order and Notice) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971 No. 275

# EXPLANATORY NOTE

# (This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations, which are made by the Department of the Environment under Article 162 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, prescribe forms for use by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the purposes of Part III of that Order, which deals with the development functions of the Executive.

The forms provide for notices to be served by the Executive in respect of the following:

- (a) requirement for repairs to be carried out to a house (including a house in multiple occupation) and a flat (Form 1);
- (b) requirement for repairs to the common parts in a building containing flats (Form 2);
- (c) the Executive's intention to carry out works of repair in default of the owner's failure to do so (Form 3);
- (d) closing order (Form 4);
- (e) demolition order (Form 5);
- (f) requirement for occupier to quit premises after demolition order has become operative (Form 6);
- (g) closing order substituted for demolition order (Form 7);
- (h) demolition order substituted for closing order (Form 8);
- (i) clearance order (Form 9);
- (*j*) notice to be published of making of clearance order (Form 10);
- (k) notice to be served as to making of clearance order (Form 11);
- (*l*) notice to be published of clearance order having been confirmed by the Department (Form 12);
- (m) notice to be served of clearance order having been confirmed by the Department (Form 13);
- (n) notice to occupier to quit building after clearance order has become operative (Form 14).

Forms 6, 7 and 14 contain notes relating to penalties.

Forms 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8 contain notes relating to penalties and appeals.

Regulation 3 revokes the following:—

- (a) the Housing (Form of Orders and Notices) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963;
- (b) the Housing (Form of Orders and Notices) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968;
- (c) the Housing (Form of Declaration of Unfitness Order and Notice) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971.