STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 62

LANDLORD AND TENANT

Registered Rents (Increase) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003

 13th February 2003 3rd March 2003

The Department for Social Development(1), in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 33(2) of the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(2) and now exercisable by it(3) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, having complied with the requirements of Article 33(1) of that Order and determined that the rents hereinafter mentioned should be increased, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Registered Rents (Increase) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003, and shall come into operation on 3rd March 2003.

Increase of registered rents

2. The rents registered under Part V of the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 for dwelling houses which are let under regulated tenancies shall be increased by 3.25 percent.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 13th February 2003.

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D. M. Crothers A senior officer of the Department for Social Development

⁽¹⁾ S.I.1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)

⁽²⁾ S.I. 1978/1050 (N.I. 20)

⁽³⁾ S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(e) and Schedule 4 Part V

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order increases the rents registered with the Department for Social Development under Part V of the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 for the dwelling houses, which are let under regulated tenancies, by 3.25 percent from 3rd March 2003. Under Article 22(4) of the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 a notice of increase of rent which gives effect to an increase made by virtue of this Order shall not take effect earlier than 4 weeks after the commencement of this Order, i.e., not earlier than 7th April 2003.

A landlord must give a tenant at least 4 weeks' notice of the increase in accordance with Article 22(3)(b) of the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978.