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RATING AND VALUATION

**The Unoccupied Property Rate
(Variation of Current Ceiling) Order 1980***Made - - - - 19th December 1980**Laid before Parliament 12th January 1981**Coming into Operation 1st April 1981*

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of his powers under paragraph 1(2E) of Schedule 1 to the General Rate Act 1967(a) and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

1. This order may be cited as the Unoccupied Property Rate (Variation of Current Ceiling) Order 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1981.

2. In this order “the Act” means the General Rate Act 1967.

3.—(1) The proportion of the amount of rates mentioned in paragraph 1(2D)(b) of Schedule 1 to the Act which is the current ceiling for the purposes of the said paragraph 1, (namely, the whole of the rates which disregarding section 48 of the Act would be payable by the owner if he were in occupation of the hereditament), shall in respect of any hereditament (not being a house) be varied to one half of the said rates so payable.

(2) In paragraph (1) above “house” includes part of a house and any garden, yard, court or other land ordinarily used or intended for use for the purposes of the house or part.

Michael R. D. Heseltine,
Secretary of State for the
Environment.

19th December 1980.

(a) 1967 c. 9 ; paragraph 1(2E) of Schedule 1 was inserted by section 42 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65.).

(b) Paragraph 1(2D) of Schedule 1 was inserted by section 42 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This order varies, with effect from 1st April 1981, the current ceiling for unoccupied property rate from the whole of the amount of rates ordinarily payable to one half of that amount. The current ceiling is varied only in respect of hereditaments other than houses.

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