STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1987 No. 893

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Estate Duty (Northern Ireland) (Interest on Unpaid Duty) Order 1987

Made - - - - 13th May 1987

Laid before Parliament 15th May 1987

Coming into force - - 6th June 1987

The Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(2) of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(1) now vested in them(2) hereby make the following Order:

- 1. This Order may be cited as the Estate Duty (Northern Ireland) (Interest on Unpaid Duty) Order 1987 and shall come into force on 6th June 1987.
 - 2. The rate of interest payable under the following enactments, namely—
 - (a) section 18 of the Finance Act 1896(3);
 - (b) section 61(5) of the Finance (1909—10) Act 1910(4),

shall, as regards interest accruing on or after 6th June 1987 be 6 per cent. per annum.

3. Section 8(9) of the Finance Act 1984(**5**) shall, as regards interest accruing on or after 6th June 1987 have effect with the substitution of the word "six" for the word "eight".

Peter Lloyd Mark Lennox-Boyd Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

13th May 1987

^{(1) 1970} c. 21 (N.I.)

⁽²⁾ The Northern Ireland (Modification of Enactments — No. 1) Order 1973 (S.I. 1973/2163), Article 5(3) and Schedule 3 transferred this function from the Ministry of Finance to the Treasury. Article 9 of the same Order provides that the powers conferred by s.1(2) of the 1970 Act shall be exercisable by Statutory Instrument.

⁽**3**) 1896 c. 28

^{(4) 1910} c. 8; section 61(5) was amended by section 9 of the Finance Act 1912 (c. 8).

^{(5) 1894} c. 30.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Estate Duty is chargeable in relation to deaths before 13th March 1975; it was replaced for deaths on or after that date by capital transfer tax, now known as inheritance tax. Article 2 of this Order provides that interest on unpaid estate duty will run at 6 per cent. (instead of at the previous rate of 8 per cent. as imposed by S.I.1986/1943) under the various provisions which impose a fixed rate of interest. By Article 3 the limit on the discretionary rate of interest which may be charged where payment of estate duty is postponed on grounds of hardship is correspondingly altered by substituting 6 per cent. for 8 per cent. The effect of this Order in conjunction with section 48(1) of the Finance Act 1975 (c. 7) is that from 6th June 1987 interest will also run at 6 per cent. when overpaid estate duty is repaid.