
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1992 No. 1837

HOUSING, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Assistance for Minor Works to
Dwellings (Lead Pipes) Order 1992**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>23rd July 1992</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>3rd August 1992</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st September 1992</i>

The Secretary of State for the Environment, as respects England, and the Secretary of State for Wales, as respects Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 131(1)(e) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989(1), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Assistance for Minor Works to Dwellings (Lead Pipes) Order 1992 and shall come into force on 1st September 1992.

(2) For the purposes of this Order—

- (a) “associated equipment” includes any plumbing fittings which are within the pipe work or are necessary to connect the pipe to the tap or main and includes, where the supply of water is indirect, the storage tank; and
- (b) a direct connection to the main is one whereby the water at the tap is subject to water pressure from the main, or would be so subject but for the closing of a valve.

Specified Purposes

2. The following are specified as purposes for which a local housing authority may give assistance as mentioned in section 131(2) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (assistance for the provision of minor works to dwellings)—

(a) the replacement of—

- (i) the whole or part of a pipe which is made wholly or substantially of lead and which connects (directly or indirectly) to the main a tap which is used mainly for supplying water for drinking or cooking in a dwelling, and

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- (ii) any associated equipment,
by a pipe and any associated equipment not made of lead, which will connect that tap directly or, where that is not practicable, indirectly to the main; and
- (b) the replacement of the electrical earthing arrangements of that dwelling where these use such a lead pipe and that lead pipe is being replaced in circumstances in which paragraph (a) above applies.

22nd July 1992

Michael Howard
Secretary of State for the Environment

23rd July 1992

David Hunt
Secretary of State for Wales

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order specifies two purposes for which a local housing authority may give assistance under section 131 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (assistance for provision of minor works to dwellings), in addition to those contained in section 131(1)(a) to (d) of that Act.

The additional purposes specified in article 2 are the replacement of lead pipes and associated equipment used for supplying drinking or cooking water to a dwelling by a pipe not made of lead, and the replacement of electrical earthing arrangements which use such a lead pipe.