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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 179**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**WALES**

**The Local Government (Wales) (Alternative Community Names) (Prescribed Steps) Regulations 1996**

*Made* - - - - *29th January 1996*

*Coming into force* - - *1st April 1996*

The Secretary of State for Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 27(4) and 270(1) of the Local Government Act 1972<sup>(1)</sup> and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Local Government (Wales) (Alternative Community Names) (Prescribed Steps) Regulations 1996 and shall come into force on 1st April 1996.

2. Where section 27(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 applies in relation to a community, the following steps are prescribed as the steps which the principal council, within whose area the community lies, shall take, before 1st October 1997, with a view to securing that there is both an English and Welsh name for the community—

- (a) the principal council shall determine, after consultation with the council for the community concerned (if there is such a council), what is to be the correct form of the alternative name or, as the case may be, the alternative form of name;
- (b) as soon as practicable thereafter the principal council shall—
  - (i) if there is a council for the community concerned, notify that council of the details of its determination; and
  - (ii) publish in the community (and elsewhere if it considers this to be appropriate), in such manner as it considers appropriate, notice of the details of its determination.

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(1) 1972 c. 70; section 27 of the Local Government Act 1972 is substituted by section 8 of the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c. 19). Section 8 is commenced on 1st April 1996 by SI 1995/3198 (article 3 and Schedule 1).

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales

29th January 1996

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

Section 27(3) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as substituted by section 8 of the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994, contains provision for securing that where a community has been given a name in English or Welsh only, it will be given a name in the other language where there is a generally accepted alternative form of that name, or alternative name, in that language. For this purpose the principal council within whose area such community lies is required to take, before 1st October 1997, such steps as may be prescribed. These Regulations prescribe the steps which are to be taken (regulation 2).