# STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 1999 No. 3379

# The Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (England) Regulations 1999

# PART I

# PRELIMINARY

# Citation, extent, commencement and interpretation

**1.**—(1) These regulations, which extend to England only, may be cited as the Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (England) Regulations 1999 and shall come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires-

"the Act" means the Local Government Finance Act 1988;

"the 1994 Regulations" means the Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) Regulations 1994(1);

"the Appeals Regulations" means the Non-Domestic Rating (Alteration of Lists and Appeals) Regulations 1993;(2);

"altered hereditament" has the meaning given in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1;

"appropriate valuation officer"-

- (a) in relation to a hereditament in relation to which regulations under section 53(1) of the Act (contents of central lists) are in force, means the central valuation officer;
- (b) in relation to any other hereditament, means the valuation officer maintaining the list in which the hereditament is, or would be, shown;

"central list" means a list compiled and maintained in accordance with section 52 of the Act;

"creation day" has the meaning given in paragraph 2 of Schedule 2;

"defined central list hereditament" has the meaning given in regulation 19(1);

"defined class of hereditaments" has the meaning given in regulation 28(1);

"defined hereditament" has the meaning given in regulation 3;

"designated person" means a person designated under section 53(1) of the Act;

"list" (except in the phrase "central list") means the relevant local non-domestic rating list;

"rateable value order" in relation to a class of hereditaments means an order made as respects that class under paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 6 to the Act;

"relevant day" has the meaning given in regulation 2(2);

"relevant factor" means-

S.I. 1994/3279, amended by S.I. 1995/961, S.I. 1995/1678, S.I. 1995/3322, S.I. 1996/911, S.I. 1996/3214, S.I. 1997/960 and S.I. 1996/3017.

<sup>(2)</sup> S.I. 1993/291, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

- (a) any matter mentioned in paragraph 2(7) of Schedule 6 to the Act, or
- (b) the extent to which a hereditament is exempt from non-domestic rating;

"relevant period" has the meaning given by regulation 2(1), and

"relevant year" has the meaning given in regulation 2(3).

(3) References in these Regulations to the hereditament of a designated person are references to any hereditament or, as the case may be, description or class of hereditaments prescribed under section 53(1) of the Act as respects that designated person.

# The relevant period and the relevant day

**2.**—(1) The relevant period in relation to which, in accordance with section 58 of the Act, these Regulations apply, is the period beginning on 1st April 2000 and ending on 31st March 2005.

- (2) A relevant day is a day falling within the relevant period.
- (3) A relevant year is a financial year falling within the relevant period.

# PART II

# CHARGEABLE AMOUNTS: LOCAL LIST (GENERAL)

# **Defined hereditaments**

3.--(1) As regards a relevant day a hereditament is a defined hereditament if-

- (a) the conditions in paragraph (2) are fulfilled, or
- (b) it meets the conditions specified in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1, or
- (c) it meets the conditions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 2.
- (2) The conditions mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) are that the hereditament is shown in the list for-
- (i) 31st March 2000;
- (ii) the relevant day; and
- (iii) each day (if any) falling after 31st March 2000 and before the relevant day.

# Notional chargeable amount

**4.**—(1) The notional chargeable amount for a defined hereditament for a relevant year shall be the amount found by applying the formula–

 $A \approx B$ 

(2) For the purposes of this regulation-

- (a) A is the rateable value shown for the hereditament for 1st April 2000 in the list, and
- (b) B is the non-domestic rating multiplier for the relevant year.

(3) Where regulation 15 (change in rateable value: change of circumstances) applies, this regulation applies subject to the modifications made in that regulation.

(4) For a hereditament to which Schedule 1 (altered hereditaments) applies, paragraph 3 of that Schedule applies for finding the notional chargeable amount.

(5) For a hereditament to which Schedule 2 (splits and mergers) applies, paragraph 8 of that Schedule applies for finding the notional chargeable amount.

(6) For a hereditament to which Schedule 3 (splits and mergers: certified values) applies, paragraph 1 of that Schedule applies for finding the notional chargeable amount.

(7) For a hereditament to which paragraph 2(b) of Schedule 4 (former central list hereditaments) applies, this regulation applies for finding the notional chargeable amount, subject to the modifications contained in paragraph 6 of that Schedule.

# Base liability for 2000/2001 for hereditament subject to previous transitional provisions

**5.**—(1) This regulation applies to a defined hereditament for the relevant year beginning in 2000 if regulation 10 of the 1994 Regulations applied to that hereditament for 31st March 2000; and where this regulation applies the base liability for that hereditament for that year shall be found in accordance with this regulation.

(2) Except where regulation 11(2) or (4) (changes in rateable value) of the 1994 Regulations applied for the hereditament for 31st March 2000, the base liability shall be found by applying the formula–

 $BL \sim Al^{\prime}$ 

(3) In a case where regulation 11(2) (increase in rateable value) of the 1994 Regulations applied to the hereditament for 31st March 2000, the base liability shall be found by applying the formula–

$$(BL \times AF) = ((N - J) \times B)$$

(4) In a case where regulation 11(4) (decrease in rateable value) of the 1994 Regulations applied to the hereditament for 31st March 2000, the base liability shall be found by applying the formula–

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(BL \times \Delta F) \times N
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- (5) For the purposes of this regulation-
  - (a) BL is the base liability for the hereditament for 31st March 2000, determined in accordance with regulation 7 of the 1994 Regulations, as modified, where appropriate, by Schedule 2 to those Regulations;
  - (b) AF is the appropriate fraction for the hereditament for 31st March 2000, determined in accordance with regulation 8 of the 1994 Regulations;
  - (c) B is the non-domestic rating multiplier for the financial year beginning on 1st April 1999;
  - (d) J is the rateable value shown for the hereditament for 1st April 1995 in the list or, as the case may be, the amount treated as that amount in accordance with regulation 11 (changes in rateable value) or Schedule 2 (splits and mergers) of the 1994 Regulations; and
  - (e) N is the rateable value shown for 31st March 2000 in the list.

(6) For a hereditament to which Schedule 2A (splits and mergers: certified values)(3) applies, paragraph 3 of that Schedule applies for finding the base liability for the relevant year beginning in 2000.

# Base liability for 2000/2001 for hereditament outside previous transitional provisions

**6.**—(1) This regulation applies to a defined hereditament if regulation 10 of the 1994 Regulations did not apply to that hereditament for 31st March 2000.

(2) In a case where this regulation applies, the base liability for the hereditament for the relevant year shall be found by applying the formula–

 $\mathbf{Y}\times\mathbf{Z}$ 

<sup>(</sup>**3**) Inserted by S.I. 1996/911.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation–

- (a) Y is the rateable value shown for the hereditament for 31st March 2000 in the list, and
- (b) Z is the non-domestic rating multiplier for the financial year beginning in 1999.
- (4) Where one or more of the following provisions apply-
  - (a) regulation 16 (change in rateable value before 1st April 2000 not reflected by alteration of list);
  - (b) paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 (altered hereditaments); or
  - (c) paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 (class of central list hereditaments splitting),

this regulation applies subject to the modifications made in the provision concerned.

(5) For a hereditament to which Schedule 3 (splits and mergers—certified values) applies, paragraph 2 of that Schedule applies for finding the base liability for the relevant year beginning in 2000.

# Base liability for years subsequent to 2000/2001

7.—(1) The base liability for a defined hereditament for a relevant year (the year concerned) beginning after the first relevant year of the relevant period shall be found by applying the formula– $|B| \approx \Delta F$ 

(2) For the purposes of this regulation-

- (a) BL is the base liability for the hereditament for the relevant year immediately preceding the year concerned, and
- (b) AF is the appropriate fraction for the hereditament for the relevant year immediately preceding the year concerned.

(3) For a hereditament to which Schedule 2 (splits and mergers) applies, paragraphs 9 and 10 of that Schedule apply for finding the base liability.

(4) For a hereditament to which Schedule 3 (splits and mergers—certified values) applies, paragraph 3 of that Schedule applies for finding the base liability for years subsequent to the relevant year beginning in 2000.

# **Appropriate fraction**

**8.**—(1) The appropriate fraction for a defined hereditament for a relevant year shall be found by applying the formula–

 $X \rightarrow Q$ 100

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, where the notional chargeable amount for the hereditament for the relevant year exceeds the base liability for the hereditament for the year and–

- (a) the hereditament is situated in Greater London and the rateable value shown for it in the list for 1st April 2000 is £18,000 or more; or
- (b) the hereditament is situated outside Greater London and the rateable value shown for it in the list for 1st April 2000 is £12,000 or more,

then-

- (i) for the relevant year beginning on 1st April 2000, X is 112.5;
- (ii) for the relevant year beginning on 1st April 2001, X is 115;
- (iii) for the relevant years beginning on 1st April 2002, 2003 and 2004, X is 117.5.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation, where the notional chargeable amount for the hereditament for the relevant year exceeds the base liability for the hereditament for the year and-

- (a) the hereditament is situated in Greater London and the rateable value shown for it in the list for 1st April 2000 is less than £18,000; or
- (b) the hereditament is situated outside Greater London and the rateable value shown for it in the list for 1st April 2000 is less than £12,000,

then-

(i) for the relevant year beginning on 1st April 2000, X is 105;

(ii) for the relevant years beginning on 1st April 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, X is 107.5.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation, where the notional chargeable amount for the hereditament for the relevant year does not exceed the base liability for the hereditament for the year, and

- (a) the hereditament is situated in Greater London and the rateable value shown for it in the list for 1st April 2000 is £18,000 or more, or
- (b) the hereditament is situated outside Greater London and the rateable value shown for it in the list for 1st April 2000 is £12,000 or more,

then-

- (i) for the relevant years beginning on 1st April 2000 and 2001, X is 97.5;
- (ii) for the relevant year beginning on 1st April 2002, X is 95;
- (iii) for the relevant year beginning on 1st April 2003, X is 92.5; and
- (iv) for the relevant year beginning on 1st April 2004, X is 85.

(5) For the purposes of this regulation, where the notional chargeable amount for the hereditament does not exceed the base liability for the year and–

- (a) the hereditament is situated in Greater London and the rateable value shown for it in the list for 1st April 2000 is less than £18,000, or
- (b) the hereditament is situated outside Greater London and the rateable value shown for it in the list for 1st April 2000 is less than £12,000,

then-

- (i) for the relevant years beginning on 1st April 2000 and 2001, X is 95;
- (ii) for the relevant year beginning on 1st April 2002, X is 90;
- (iii) for the relevant year beginning on 1st April 2003, X is 87.5, and
- (iv) for the relevant year beginning on 1st April 2004, X is 75.
  - (6) For the purposes of this regulation-
    - (a) Q is the amount found by applying the formula-

RPI(1) RPI(2)

- (b) RPI(1) is the retail prices index for September of the financial year preceding the relevant year concerned;
- (c) RPI(2) is the retail prices index for September of the financial year which precedes the year preceding the relevant year concerned;
- (d) Q shall, if not a whole number, be calculated to three decimal places only-
  - (i) adding one thousandth where (apart from this sub-paragraph) there would be more than five ten-thousandths; and

(ii) ignoring the ten-thousandths where (apart from this sub-paragraph) there would be five, or less than five, ten-thousandths.

(7) Where one or more of the provisions mentioned in paragraph (8) apply, this regulation applies subject to the modifications made by the provision concerned.

- (8) The provisions referred to in paragraph (7) are-
- (i) regulation 11(4)(b),
- (ii) regulation 15,
- (iii) paragraph 5 of Schedule 1, and
- (iv) paragraph 11 of Schedule 2.

#### Case for which regulation 10 determines chargeable amount

9.--(1) Regulation 10 applies to a defined hereditament for a relevant day (the day concerned) if-

- (a) as regards the hereditament the day concerned is a chargeable day for which a chargeable amount would, but for these Regulations, fall to be determined under section 43 or 45 of the Act, and
- (b) NCA is-
  - (i) greater than BL and greater than (BL  $\times$  AF), or
  - (ii) less than BL and less than (BL  $\times$  AF).
- (2) For the purposes of this regulation-
  - (a) NCA is the notional chargeable amount for the hereditament for the relevant year within which the day concerned falls,
  - (b) BL is the base liability for the hereditament for the relevant year within which the day concerned falls,
  - (c) AF is the appropriate fraction for the hereditament for the relevant year within which the day concerned falls.
- (3) Where one or more of the following provisions apply-
  - (a) regulation 11(4) (certified value for new hereditament);
  - (b) regulation 12 (change in rateable value after 1st April 2000);
  - (c) regulation 18 (partly-occupied hereditament); or
  - (d) paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 (former central list hereditament),

regulation 10 applies subject to the modifications made in the provision or provisions concerned.

- (4) Regulation 10 shall not apply-
  - (a) where regulation 13 (special authorities: special cases) applies in any year; or
  - (b) where Schedule 2 (splits and mergers) applies to a hereditament, in the year in which the creation day falls.

(5) Where paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 (altered hereditaments) applies, this regulation applies subject to the modification made by that paragraph.

(6) Regulation 10 does not apply to a defined hereditament for the day concerned if-

(a) as respects a relevant day falling before the day concerned, the value of X for the purposes of determining the appropriate fraction fell to be determined (or if determined again following an alteration of the list in accordance with regulations made under the Act, fell after that alteration to be determined) in accordance with regulation 8(2) or 8(3), and

(b) as respects the day concerned, the value of X falls to be determined (or if determined again following an alteration of the list in accordance with regulations made under the Act, falls after that alteration to be determined) in accordance with regulation 8(4) or 8(5);

or if-

- (i) as respects a relevant day falling before the day concerned, the value of X for the purposes of determining the appropriate fraction fell to be determined (or if determined again following an alteration of the list in accordance with regulations made under the Act, fell after that alteration to be determined) in accordance with regulation 8(4) or 8(5), and
- (ii) as respects the day concerned, the value of X falls to be determined (or if determined again following an alteration of the list in accordance with regulations made under the Act, falls after that alteration to be determined) in accordance with regulation 8(2) or 8(3).

# Rules for determining chargeable amount

10.—(1) For a hereditament to which this regulation applies, the chargeable amount for a chargeable day which is a relevant day shall be found in accordance with the rules prescribed in this regulation in place of the provisions of sections 43(4) to (6E), 44 and 45(4) to (6) of the Act(4).

(2) Subject to paragraphs (4), (6) and (8), the chargeable amount for the chargeable day shall be calculated by applying the formula–

$$\frac{(BL \land AF)}{C}$$

(3) For the purposes of this regulation-

(a) C is the number of days in the year in which the relevant day falls, and

(b) BL and AF have the meanings given in regulation 9(2).

(4) Where paragraph (5) applies, the chargeable amount for a chargeable day shall be found by dividing the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (2) by 5.

(5) This paragraph applies where, on the day concerned, the ratepayer is a charity or trustees for a charity and the hereditament is wholly or mainly used for charitable purposes (whether of that charity or of that and other charities).

(6) Where paragraph (7) applies, the chargeable amount for a chargeable day shall be found by dividing the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (2) by 2.

(7) This paragraph applies where, on the day concerned, section 43(6B) of the Act (general stores etc. in rural settlements) applies as respects the hereditament.

(8) Where paragraph (9) applies, the chargeable amount for a chargeable day shall be found by dividing the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (2) by 2, or, in a case where section 45(6) of the Act (unoccupied hereditaments of charities) applies, by dividing it by 10.

(9) This paragraph applies where, on the day concerned, the conditions in section 45(1) of the Act (unoccupied property) are fulfilled as respects the hereditament.

# Certified value for new hereditament

**11.**—(1) This regulation applies in any year beginning on or after 1st April 2000 for the calculation of a chargeable amount in relation to a defined hereditament which is a new hereditament coming into existence on or after 1st April 2000 in circumstances where Schedule 2 applies; and in this regulation and in Schedule 3 the expressions "new hereditament" and "creation day" have the meanings given to each in Schedule 2.

<sup>(4)</sup> Section 43 is amended by paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 (c. 29).

(2) Where this regulation applies in respect of a new hereditament on a relevant day, an interested person may apply for a value to be certified for that hereditament as specified in paragraph (3); and in this paragraph "interested person" has the same meaning as in the Appeals Regulations(5).

(3) The value specified in this paragraph is the value certified by the appropriate valuation officer to be the rateable value which would have been shown in the list for the new hereditament if it had existed on 31st March 2000 and had fallen to be entered in the list for that day.

(4) Where a value has been certified as specified in paragraph (3) in respect of a new hereditament-

- (a) Schedule 3 applies in relation to that hereditament in place of Schedule 2, and
- (b) regulations 8 to 14 apply in relation to that hereditament as if for references to 1st April 2000 there were substituted references to the creation day.

#### Change in rateable value after 1st April 2000

**12.**—(1) Paragraph (2) applies in respect of a defined hereditament in a case where regulation 10 applies where for a day after 1st April 2000 the rateable value shown in the list for the hereditament is greater than that shown for it for 1st April 2000.

(2) Where this paragraph applies, regulation 10 shall have effect as regards the hereditament for the day as if the reference in that regulation to the formula

$$\frac{(BL \times AF)}{C}$$

were a reference to-

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (BL \times AF) & (N & J) \times B \\ C & C \end{array}$$

(3) Paragraph (4) applies in respect of a defined hereditament in a case where regulation 10 applies where for a day after 1st April 2000 the rateable value shown in the list for the hereditament is less than that shown for 1st April 2000.

(4) Where this paragraph applies, regulation 10 shall have effect as regards the hereditament for the day as if the reference in that regulation to the formula

$$\frac{(BL \times AF)}{C}$$

were a reference to-

$$= \frac{(BL \times AF)}{C} \times \frac{N}{J}$$

(5) For the purposes of the provisions substituted by paragraphs (2) and (4)-

- (a) B is the non-domestic rating multiplier for the relevant year in which the day falls;
- (b) C is the number of days in the relevant year in which the relevant day falls;
- (c) J is the rateable value shown for the hereditament in the list for 1st April 2000;
- (d) N is the rateable value shown for the hereditament in the list for the day; and
- (e) BL and AF have the meanings given in regulation 9(2).

(6) Where one or more of the following provisions apply-

- (a) regulation 11(4)(b) (certified value for new hereditament);
- (b) regulation 15 (change in rateable value: change of circumstances on 1st April 2000);

<sup>(5)</sup> S.I. 1993/291, to which there are amendments not relevant to this provision.

- (c) paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 (altered hereditament);
- (d) paragraph 11 of Schedule 2 (rateable value: split or merger after 1st April 2000),

this regulation applies subject to the modification made by the provision concerned.

# Special authorities: special cases

13.—(1) This regulation applies in relation to a defined hereditament which fulfils the conditions in regulation 9(1), and which is situated in the area of a special authority, for a relevant year for which the non-domestic rating multiplier set by the special authority is different from the non-domestic rating multiplier for the year.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (6), in any relevant year where this regulation applies and D exceeds B, the chargeable amount for a chargeable day which is a relevant day for the hereditament shall, in place of the provisions of sections 43(4) to (6), 44 and 45(4) to (6) of the Act, be calculated by applying the formula–

$$(BL \ge AF) + ((D = B) - J)$$

$$C = C$$

(3) For the purposes of this regulation-

- (a) B is the non-domestic rating multiplier for the year in which the chargeable day falls;
- (b) J is the rateable value shown for the hereditament in the list for 1st April 2000;
- (c) D is the non-domestic rating multiplier of the special authority concerned for the relevant year in which the chargeable day falls;
- (d) C is the number of days in the relevant year; and
- (e) BL and AF have the meanings given by regulation 9(2).

(4) In a relevant year where this regulation and paragraph (5) apply and D exceeds B, the chargeable amount for a chargeable day which is a relevant day for the hereditament shall be found by dividing the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (2) by 5.

(5) This paragraph applies where, on the chargeable day, the ratepayer is a charity or trustees for a charity and the hereditament is wholly or mainly used for charitable purposes (whether of that charity or of that and other charities).

(6) In a relevant year when this regulation and paragraph (7) apply and D exceeds B, the chargeable amount for a chargeable day which is a relevant day for the hereditament shall be found by dividing the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (2) by 2, or, in a case where section 45(6) of the Act (unoccupied hereditaments of charities) applies, by dividing the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (2) by 10.

(7) This paragraph applies where, on the chargeable day, the conditions in section 45(1) of the Act (unoccupied property) are fulfilled as respects the hereditament.

(8) Subject to paragraphs (9) and (10), where this regulation applies and in a relevant year D is less than B, the chargeable amount for the chargeable day which is a relevant day for the hereditament shall be calculated by applying the formula–

 $\frac{(BL \times |A\Gamma)}{C} \times \frac{D}{B}$ 

(9) In a relevant year where this regulation and paragraph (5) apply and D is less than B, the chargeable amount for the chargeable day which is a relevant day for the hereditament shall be found by dividing the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (8) by 5.

(10) In a relevant year where this regulation and paragraph (7) apply and D is less than B, the chargeable amount for a chargeable day which is a relevant day for the hereditament shall be

found by dividing the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (8) by 2, or, in a case where section 45(6) of the Act (unoccupied hereditaments of charities) applies, by dividing the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (8) by 10.

(11) Where one or more of the following provisions apply-

- (a) regulation 11(4)(b) (certified value for new hereditament),
- (b) regulation 14 (special authorities: change in rateable value after 1st April 2000),
- (c) regulation 17 (hereditaments losing Crown exemption),
- (d) regulation 18 (partly-occupied hereditaments),
- (e) paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 (altered hereditaments),
- (f) paragraph 11 of Schedule 2 (splits and mergers),
- (g) paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 (former central list hereditament);

this regulation applies subject to the modification made by the provisions concerned.

(12) For a hereditament to which this regulation and Schedule 2 (splits and mergers) apply, the chargeable amount for a chargeable day in the year in which the creation day falls shall be found in accordance with Schedule 2.

# Special authorities: change in rateable value after 1st April 2000

14.—(1) Paragraph (2) applies where for a day after 1st April 2000, the rateable value shown in the list for a defined hereditament in a case where regulation 13 applies is greater than that shown for it for 1st April 2000.

(2) Where this paragraph applies, regulation 13 shall have effect as regards the hereditament for the day as if the reference to the formula–

$$\frac{(BL \times AF)}{C} = \frac{(D - B) + J}{C}$$

were a reference to the formula-

 $(BL \times AF) + (N \times D) = (J \times B)$   $C \qquad C$ 

and as if the reference to the formula-

$$\frac{(\mathsf{BL} \times \mathsf{AF})}{\mathsf{C}} \times \frac{\mathsf{D}}{\mathsf{B}}$$

were a reference to the formula-

$$\binom{(BL \times AP) \times D}{C - B} \stackrel{L}{\xrightarrow{}} \binom{(N - J) \times D}{C}$$

(3) Paragraph (4) applies where for a day after 1st April 2000 the rateable value shown in a list for a defined hereditament in a case where regulation 13 applies is less than that shown for it for 1st April 2000.

(4) Where this paragraph applies, regulation 13 (special authorities: special cases) shall have effect as regards the hereditament for the day as if the reference to the formula–

$$\frac{(BL \times AF)}{C} + \frac{(D - B) \times J}{C}$$

were a reference to the formula-

$$\left(\frac{(BL \land AF)}{C} \times \frac{N}{J}\right) = \frac{(D - B) \times N}{C}$$

and as if the reference to the formula-

$$\frac{(\text{BL} + \text{AF})}{C} \approx \frac{\text{D}}{\text{E}}$$

were a reference to the formula-

$$\frac{(BL \times Al')}{C} \times \frac{D}{B} \times \frac{N}{J}$$

- (5) For the purposes of paragraphs (2) and (4)-
  - (a) B is the non-domestic rating multiplier for the relevant year in which the chargeable day falls;
  - (b) C is the number of days in the relevant year;
  - (c) D is the non-domestic rating multiplier of the special authority concerned for the relevant year;
  - (d) N is the rateable value shown in the list for the hereditament for the day;
  - (e) J is the rateable value shown in the list for the hereditament for 1st April 2000; and
  - (f) BL and AF have the meanings given by regulation 9(2).
- (6) Where one or more of the following provisions apply-
  - (a) regulation 11(4)(b) (certified value for new hereditament),
  - (b) regulation 15 (change in rateable value: change of circumstances),
  - (c) paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 (altered hereditament),
  - (d) paragraph 11 of Schedule 2 (splits and mergers),
  - (e) paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 (former central list hereditament),

this regulation applies subject to the modification made by the provision concerned.

# PART III

# CHARGEABLE AMOUNTS: SPECIAL CASES

# Change in rateable value: change of circumstances on 1st April 2000 (local lists)

**15.**—(1) This regulation applies where any circumstances regarding a relevant factor taken into account in determining the rateable value shown for a defined hereditament for 1st April 2000 in the list are different from the circumstances regarding that factor existing on 31st March 2000, so that the rateable value shown for 1st April 2000 is different from that which would have been shown if the circumstances regarding that factor existing on 31st March 2000.

(2) Where this regulation applies, the references in regulations 4 and 8 to a rateable value shown for 1st April 2000 shall be treated as references to the value certified by the appropriate valuation officer to be the rateable value which would have been shown for that day if that value had fallen to be determined as regards that factor by reference to the circumstances existing on 31st March 2000.

- (3) Where this regulation and regulation 10 apply, regulations 12 and 14 apply and-
  - (a) the reference in regulations 12(1), (3) and (5) and 14(1), (3) and (5) to a rateable value shown for 1st April 2000 shall be treated as references to the value certified by the

appropriate valuation officer to be the rateable value which would have been shown for that day if that value had fallen to be determined as regards that factor by reference to the circumstances existing on 31st March 2000, and

(b) the references in regulations 12(1) and (3) and 14(1) and (3) to the rateable value for a day after 1st April 2000 shall be treated as including a reference to the rateable value actually shown for 1st April 2000.

# Change in value before 1st April 2000 not reflected by alteration to local list

16.—(1) This regulation applies where-

- (a) the appropriate valuation officer has with effect from 1st April 2000 altered the list in relation to a hereditament in accordance with regulation 13(8B) of the Appeals Regulations(6);
- (b) the rateable value shown for the hereditament in the list for 31st March 2000 is inaccurate; and
- (c) had the valuation officer been aware of that inaccuracy in sufficient time to have altered the list, he would have altered the list to correct the inaccuracy.

(2) Where this regulation applies, the reference to Y in regulation 6 (base liability where hereditament outside previous transitional provisions) shall be treated as a reference to a value certified by the appropriate valuation officer to be the rateable value which would have been shown in the list for 31st March 2000 had the list been altered on or before that date to correct the inaccuracy referred to in paragraph (1)(b) of this regulation.

# **Crown hereditaments**

17.—(1) This regulation applies to a hereditament which becomes subject to rating on 1st April 2000 by virtue of section 65A (Crown property)(7) of the Act.

(2) For the purposes of regulations 5(1) and 6(1), (or, as the case may be, regulations 20(1) and 21(1)), regulation 10 (or, as the case may be, regulation 25) of the 1994 Regulations is to be treated as applying or not applying for 31st March 2000 in respect of the hereditament if, but for any rules as to Crown exemption from rating applying to the hereditament for that day, that regulation would have applied or, as the case may be, would not have applied for that day.

(3) For the purpose of regulation 5(2) to (4) (or, as the case may be, regulation 21(2) to (7) of these Regulations, regulation 11(2) (increase in rateable value) or (4) (decrease in rateable value) or (as the case may be) regulation 26(2) of the 1994 Regulations is to be treated as applying or not applying for 31st March 2000 in respect of the hereditament if, but for any rules as to Crown exemption from rating applying to the hereditament for that day, regulation 10 or (as the case may be) regulation 26 of these Regulations would have applied or, as the case may be, would not have applied for that day.

(4) For the purposes of regulation 5 or (as the case may be) regulation 21, the base liability and appropriate fraction which, but for any rules as to Crown exemption from rating applying to the hereditament, would have been the base liability and appropriate fraction for the hereditament for 31st March 2000 determined as mentioned in that regulation shall be treated as being that base liability and that appropriate fraction for the hereditament.

(5) For the purposes of determining under this regulation the base liability which, but for any rules as to Crown exemption from rating applying to that hereditament would have been the base liability for 31st March 2000, the appropriate valuation officer shall certify any value which, but for those rules, would have been required for that purpose.

<sup>(6)</sup> Inserted by regulation 2(5) of S.I. 1994/1809.

<sup>(7)</sup> Section 65A is inserted by section 3 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 (c. 29).

### **Partly-occupied hereditaments**

**18.**—(1) As regards a relevant day and a defined hereditament in relation to which an apportionment under section 44A of the Act (partly-occupied hereditaments)(**8**) is applicable, any chargeable amount for the day as respects the hereditament found in accordance with regulations 10 or 13 or Schedule 2 (as modified by any provision of these Regulations) shall be treated as multiplied by the factor–

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(2) In paragraph (1)-

A is the amount found under section 44(2) of the Act, as substituted by section 44A(7) or (9) (as the case may be) for the relevant day as respects the hereditament, and

P is the rateable value shown for the hereditament under section 42(4) of the Act.

# PART IV

# CHARGEABLE AMOUNTS—CENTRAL LIST (GENERAL)

#### Defined central list hereditament: rateable value assessed conventionally

**19.**—(1) As regards a relevant day, a hereditament is a defined central list hereditament if the first and second conditions are satisfied.

(2) The first condition is that the hereditament is shown in the central or a local non-domestic rating list for 31st March 2000 and in the central list for-

- (a) the relevant day; and
- (b) each day (if any) falling after 31st March 2000 and before the relevant day.

(3) The second condition is that for each day referred to in paragraph 2(a) or (b), a rateable value, determined for the hereditament under paragraphs 2 to 2C of Schedule 6 to the Act, is included in the rateable value (as a whole) shown in the central list against the name of the designated person for the hereditaments prescribed in relation to that person.

# Base liability for 2000/2001 for central list hereditament outside previous transitional provisions

**20.**—(1) This regulation applies to a defined central list hereditament for the relevant year beginning in 2000 if neither regulation 10 (rules for determining chargeable amount: local lists) nor regulation 25 (rules for determining chargeable amount: central list) of the 1994 Regulations applies to that hereditament for 31st March 2000.

(2) Where this regulation applies to a hereditament, the base liability for that hereditament shall be found by applying the formula  $Y \times Z$ .

- (3) For the purposes of this regulation-
  - (a) Y is-
    - (i) in the case of a hereditament shown in a local non-domestic rating list for 31st March 2000, the value shown for the hereditament for that date in the list, and
    - (ii) in the case of a hereditament shown in the central list for 31st March 2000, the value certified by the appropriate valuation officer to be the rateable value which would

<sup>(8)</sup> Section 44A is inserted by paragraph 22 of Schedule 5 to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (c. 42).

have been shown for the hereditament for 31st March 2000 in the central list if that had been the only hereditament of the designated person shown in that list for that date, and

(b) Z is the non-domestic rating multiplier for the financial year beginning in 1999.

# Base liability for 2000/2001 for central list hereditament within previous transitional provisions

**21.**—(1) This regulation applies to a defined central list hereditament for the relevant year beginning in 2000 if regulation 10 (rules for determining chargeable amount: local lists) or regulation 25 (rules for determining chargeable amount: central list) of the 1994 Regulations applies to that hereditament for 31st March 2000.

(2) In a case where regulation 10 of the 1994 Regulations applies to the hereditament for 31st March 2000, except where regulation 11(2) or 11(4) (changes in rateable value) of the 1994 Regulations also applies, the base liability shall be found by applying the formula (BL × AF).

(3) In a case where regulation 11(2) of the 1994 Regulations applies to the hereditament for 31st March 2000, the base liability shall be found by applying the formula  $(BL \times AF) + (N - J) \times B$ .

(4) In a case where regulation 11(4) of the 1994 Regulations applies to the hereditament for 31st March 2000, the base liability shall be found by applying the formula–

 $(BL \oplus AF) + \frac{N}{T}$ 

(5) For the purposes of paragraphs (1) to (4), BL, AF, N and J have the same meanings as in regulation 5.

(6) In a case where regulation 25 of the 1994 Regulations applies to the hereditament for 31st March 2000 and regulation 26(2) of those Regulations does not apply, the base liability shall be found by applying the formula (BL × AF).

(7) In a case where regulation 26(2) applies to the hereditament for 31st March 2000, the base liability shall be found-

(a) in a case where N is greater than J, by applying the formula  $(BL \times AF) + ((N - J) \times B)$ ;

(b) in a case where N is less than J, by applying the formula

(BI. × AF) × N J

(8) For the purposes of paragraphs (6) and (7)-

BL is the base liability for the hereditament for 31st March 2000 determined in accordance with regulation 21 of the 1994 Regulations;

AF is the appropriate fraction for the hereditament for 31st March 2000 determined in accordance with regulation 23 of those Regulations;

B is the non-domestic rating multiplier for the financial year beginning on 1st April 1999;

J is the value certified by the appropriate valuation officer to be the amount of the rateable value which would have been shown in the central list for the hereditament for 1st April 1995 if that had been the only hereditament of the designated person shown in the list for that day; and

N is the value certified by the appropriate valuation officer to be the rateable value which would have been shown for the hereditament for 31st March 2000 in the central list if that has been the only hereditament of the designated person shown in that list for that date.

### Base liability for central list hereditament for subsequent years

**22.**—(1) The base liability for a defined central list hereditament for a relevant year (the year concerned) beginning after the first relevant year of the relevant period shall be found by applying the formula (BL  $\times$  AF).

(2) For the purposes of this regulation-

BL is the base liability for the hereditament for the relevant year immediately preceding the year concerned, and

AF is the appropriate fraction for the hereditament for the relevant year immediately preceding the year concerned.

#### Notional chargeable amount for central list hereditament

**23.**—(1) The notional chargeable amount for a defined central list hereditament for a relevant year shall be found by applying the formula  $A \times B$ .

(2) For the purposes of this regulation-

A is the value certified by the appropriate valuation officer to be the rateable value which would have been shown in the central list for that hereditament for 1st April 2000 if that had been the only hereditament of the designated person shown in the list for that date, and

B is the non-domestic rating multiplier for the relevant year.

# Appropriate fraction for central list hereditament

**24.**—(1) The appropriate fraction for a defined central list hereditament for a relevant year shall be found by applying the formula–

 $\frac{X}{100} \times Q$ 

(2) For the purposes of this regulation-

- (a) where the notional chargeable amount of the hereditament for the relevant year exceeds the base liability for the hereditament for the year, then-
  - (i) for the relevant year beginning on 1st April 2000, X is 112.5;
  - (ii) for the relevant year beginning on 1st April 2001, X is 115;
  - (iii) for the relevant years beginning on 1st April 2002, 2003 and 2004, X is 117.5;
- (b) where the notional chargeable amount for the hereditament for the relevant year does not exceed the base liability for the year, then-
  - (i) for the relevant financial years beginning on 1st April 2000 and 2001, X is 97.5;
  - (ii) for the relevant financial year beginning on 1st April 2002, X is 95;
  - (iii) for the relevant financial year beginning on 1st April 2003, X is 92.5; and
  - (iv) for the relevant financial year beginning on 1st April 2004, X is 85.
- (3) For the purposes of this regulation-

Q is the amount found by applying the formula-

RPI(1)

RPI(2)

where-

RPI(1) is the retail prices index for September of the financial year preceding the relevant year concerned;

RPI(2) is the retail prices index for September of the financial year which precedes the year preceding the relevant year concerned; and

Q shall, if not a whole number, be calculated to 3 decimal places only-

- (i) adding one thousandth where (apart from this sub-paragraph) there would be more than ten-thousandths, and
- (ii) ignoring the ten-thousandths where (apart from this sub-paragraph) there would be 5, or less than 5, ten-thousandths.

### Central list hereditament—case for which regulation 26 determines chargeable amount

**25.**—(1) Regulation 26 applies to a defined central list hereditament for a chargeable day which is a relevant day (the day concerned) if–

- (a) a chargeable amount for the day concerned would, but for these Regulations, fall to be determined under section 54 of the Act, and
- (b) NCA is-
  - (i) greater than BL and greater than (BL  $\times$  AF), or
  - (ii) less than BL and less than (BL  $\times$  AF).
- (2) For the purposes of this regulation-
  - (a) NCA is the notional chargeable amount for the hereditament for the relevant year within which the day concerned falls;
  - (b) BL is the base liability for the hereditament for the relevant year within which the day concerned falls; and
  - (c) AF is the appropriate fraction for the hereditament for the relevant year within which the day concerned falls.
- (3) Regulation 26 does not apply to a defined central list hereditament for the day concerned if-
  - (a) as respects a relevant day falling before the day concerned, the value of X for the purposes of determining the appropriate fraction fell to be determined (of if determined again following an alteration of the central list, in accordance with regulations made under the Act, fell after that alteration to be determined) in accordance with regulation 24(2)(a), and
  - (b) as respects the day concerned, the value of X falls to be determined (or if determined again following an alteration of the central list, in accordance with regulations made under the Act, falls after that alteration to be determined) in accordance with regulation 24(2)(b);

or if-

- (i) as respects a relevant day falling before the day concerned, the value of X for the purposes of determining the appropriate fraction fell to be determined (of if determined again following an alteration of the central list, in accordance with regulations made under the Act, fell after that alteration to be determined) in accordance with regulation 24(2)(b), and
- (ii) as respects the day concerned, the value of X falls to be determined (or if determined again following an alteration of the central list, in accordance with regulations made under the Act, falls after that alteration to be determined) in accordance with regulation 24(2)(a).

# Central list hereditament: rules for determining chargeable amount

**26.**—(1) Where this regulation applies to a hereditament, the chargeable amount as respects the designated person for the description of hereditaments of which it forms the whole or part for a

chargeable day which is a relevant day shall be found in accordance with the rules prescribed in paragraph (2) in place of the provisions of section 54(4) to (7) of the Act.

- (2) The chargeable amount for a chargeable day shall be calculated by applying the formula-
  - $(A \times B) \perp H$ 
    - $\mathbf{C}_{-}$

(3) For the purposes of this regulation-

A is the amount certified by the appropriate valuation officer to be the portion of the rateable value shown for the day in the central list against the name of the designated person which is not attributable to hereditaments to which this regulation applies;

B is the non-domestic rating multiplier for the relevant year;

C is the number of days in the relevant year;

H is the aggregate for the day of the amounts found by applying the formula-

 $\frac{(BL \times Ab)}{C}$ 

for every hereditament to which this regulation applies shown for the day in the central list against the name of the designated person; and

BL and AF have the meanings given in regulation 25(2).

(4) In a case where regulation 27 applies, this regulation has effect subject to the modifications made in that regulation.

# Change in rateable value for defined central list hereditament after 1st April 2000

**27.**—(1) Paragraph (2) applies in respect of a defined central list hereditament in a case where regulation 26 applies where for a chargeable day after 1st April 2000 the appropriate valuation officer certifies that the value attributable to a defined central list hereditament of a designated person is different from the value attributable to the hereditament for 1st April 2000.

(2) Where this paragraph applies, regulation 26 applies as regards the central list hereditament for the chargeable day as if the reference to the formula–

(A × B) + H C

were a reference to-

$$\frac{(A \times B)}{C} + H + I - K$$

(3) For the purposes of this regulation and the provisions substituted by this regulation-

A, B and C have the meanings given in regulation 6;

H is the aggregate for the chargeable day of the amounts found by applying the formula  $(BL \times AF)$ 

C

for every hereditament for which a value is included in the rateable value shown for the day in the central list against the name of the designated person to which regulation 26 applies but to which paragraph (2) does not apply;

I is the aggregate for the chargeable day of the amounts found by applying the formula-

 $\begin{array}{ccc} (\mathbf{BL} + \mathbf{AF}) + (\mathbf{N} - \mathbf{J}) \times \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{C} \end{array}$ 

for every hereditament for which a value is included in the rateable value shown for the day in the central list against the name of the designated person to which paragraph (2) applies and for which the value attributable for the day is greater than the value attributable for 1st April 2000;

J is the value certified by the appropriate valuation officer to be the value attributable to the defined central list hereditament for 1st April 2000; and

K is the aggregate for the chargeable day of the amounts found by applying the formula

$$\frac{(BL > AF)}{C} \times \frac{N}{J}$$

for every hereditament for which a value is included in the rateable value shown for the day in the central list against the name of the designated person to which paragraph (2) applies and for which the value attributable for the day is less than the value attributable for 1st April 2000;

N is the value certified by the appropriate valuation officer to be the value attributable to the defined central list hereditament for the chargeable day; and

BL and AF have the meanings given in regulation 25(2).

(4) For the purposes of this regulation, in relation to a defined central list hereditament the value attributable for a day is to be taken to be the rateable value which would have been shown for the hereditament in the central list for the day if the hereditament had been the only hereditament of the designated person shown in that list for that day.

(5) A certification of a value by the appropriate valuation officer in respect of a defined hereditament for a day shall be treated as applicable for any day in the period commencing on that day and ending on the day immediately preceding any further certification under this regulation in respect of that hereditament.

# PART V

# CHARGEABLE AMOUNTS: CLASS OF CENTRAL LIST HEREDITAMENTS

# Defined class of central list hereditaments for which rateable values are prescribed

**28.**—(1) In this Part, a defined class of hereditaments is any class of hereditaments prescribed as respects a designated person by regulations for the purposes of section 53(1) of the Act, for which–

- (a) a rateable value specified, or determined in accordance with rules prescribed, by order under paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 6 to the Act, is shown in the central list for 31st March 2000; and
- (b) a rateable value is shown in the central list for 1st April 2000.

(2) This Part applies to classes of hereditaments where Schedule 4 applies subject to modifications made in that Schedule.

# Base liability for 2000/2001 for defined class of hereditaments

**29.**—(1) The base liability of a defined class of hereditaments for the relevant year beginning in 2000 shall be found by applying the formula  $Y \times Z$ .

(2) For the purposes of this regulation-

Y is the rateable value shown for the class of hereditaments in the central list for 31st March 2000; and

Z is the non-domestic rating multiplier for the financial year beginning in 1999.

#### Base liability for defined class of hereditaments for years subsequent to 2000/2001

**30.**—(1) The base liability for a defined class of hereditaments for a relevant year beginning after the first relevant year of the relevant period (the year concerned) shall be found by applying the formula (BL  $\times$  AF).

(2) For the purposes of this regulation-

BL is the base liability for the class of hereditaments for the relevant year immediately preceding the year concerned, and

AF is the appropriate fraction for the class of hereditaments for the relevant year immediately preceding the year concerned.

# Notional chargeable amount for defined class of hereditaments

**31.**—(1) The notional chargeable amount for a relevant year for a defined class of hereditaments shall be found by applying the formula  $A \times B$ .

(2) For the purposes of this regulation-

A is the rateable value shown in the central list for the class of hereditaments for 1st April 2000; and

B is the non-domestic rating multiplier for the relevant year.

### Appropriate fraction for defined class of hereditaments

**32.**—(1) The appropriate fraction for a relevant year for a defined class of hereditaments shall be found by applying the formula–

 $\frac{\mathbf{X}}{100} \times \mathbf{Q}$ 

- (2) For the purposes of this regulation-
  - (a) where the notional chargeable amount of the class of hereditaments for the relevant year exceeds the base liability for the class for the year, then-
    - (i) for the relevant year beginning on 1st April 2000, X is 112.5;
    - (ii) for the relevant year beginning on 1st April 2001, X is 115;
    - (iii) for the relevant years beginning on 1st April 2002, 2003 and 2004, X is 117.5;
  - (b) where the notional chargeable amount for the class of hereditaments for the relevant year does not exceed the base liability for the class for the year, then-
    - (i) for the relevant financial years beginning on 1st April 2000 and 2001, X is 97.5;
    - (ii) for the relevant financial year beginning on 1st April 2002, X is 95;
    - (iii) for the relevant financial year beginning on 1st April 2003, X is 92.5; and
    - (iv) for the relevant financial year beginning on 1st April 2004, X is 85.
- (3) For the purposes of this regulation Q is the amount found by applying the formula–

 $\frac{RPI(1)}{}$ 

- RPI(2)
- (a) RPI(1) is the retail prices index for September of the financial year preceding the relevant year concerned;

- (b) RPI(2) is the retail prices index for September of the financial year which precedes the year preceding the relevant year concerned;
- (c) Q shall, if not a whole number, be calculated to three decimal places only-
  - (i) adding one thousandth where (apart from this sub-paragraph) there would be more than five ten-thousandths, and
  - (ii) ignoring the ten-thousandths where (apart from this sub-paragraph) there would be five, or less than five, ten-thousandths.

#### Defined class of hereditaments: case for which regulation 34 determines chargeable amount

**33.**—(1) Regulation 34 applies to a defined class of hereditament for a relevant day (the day concerned) if–

- (a) as regards the class of hereditaments the day concerned is a chargeable day for which a chargeable amount would, but for the Regulations, fall to be determined under section 54 of the Act, and
- (b) NCA is-

(i) greater than BL and greater than  $(BL \times AF)$ , or

- (ii) less than BL and less than (BL  $\times$  AF).
- (2) For the purposes of this regulation-

NCA is the notional chargeable amount for the class of hereditaments for the relevant year within which the day concerned falls,

BL is the base liability for the class of hereditaments for the relevant year within which the day concerned falls,

AF is the appropriate fraction for the class of hereditaments for the relevant year within which the day concerned falls.

- (3) Regulation 34 does not apply to a defined class of hereditaments for the day concerned if-
  - (a) as respects a relevant day falling before the day concerned, the value of X for the purposes of determining the appropriate fraction fell to be determined in accordance with regulation 32(2)(a); and
  - (b) as respects the day concerned, the value of X falls to be determined in accordance with regulation 32(2)(b);

or if-

- (i) as respects a relevant day falling before the day concerned, the value of X, for the purposes of determining the appropriate fraction, fell to be determined in accordance with regulation 32(2)
   (b), and
- (ii) as respects the day concerned, the value of X falls to be determined in accordance with regulation 32(2)(a).

#### Chargeable amount for defined class of hereditaments

**34.**—(1) The chargeable amount for a chargeable day which is a relevant day for a class of hereditaments to which this regulation applies shall be found in accordance with the rules prescribed in paragraph (2) in place of the provisions of section 54(4) to (7) of the Act.

(2) Where this regulation applies, the chargeable amount for the chargeable day shall be calculated by applying the formula–

$$\frac{(BL \times AF)}{C}$$

(3) For the purposes of this regulation-

BL and AF have the meanings given in regulation 33(2), and

- C is the number of days in the relevant year.
- (4) Where this regulation applies, it has effect subject to the provisions of regulation 35.

# Change in rateable value for defined class of hereditaments on or after 1st April 2000

**35.**—(1) Where regulation 34 applies in respect of a defined class of hereditaments, paragraph (2) applies where for a day on or after 1st April 2000 the rateable value shown in the central list for the class of hereditaments is greater than the amount J.

(2) Where this paragraph applies, regulation 34 applies as regards the class of hereditaments for the day as if the reference to

 $\frac{(\mathsf{BL}\times\Delta\mathsf{F})}{\mathsf{C}}$ 

were a reference to-

$$\frac{(\mathsf{BL}\,\times\,\,\mathsf{AF})}{\mathsf{C}} = \frac{(\mathsf{N}\,=\,\mathsf{J})\,\times\,\,\mathsf{B}}{\mathsf{C}}$$

(3) Where regulation 34 applies, paragraph (4) applies in respect of a defined class of hereditaments where for a day on or after 1st April 2000 the rateable value shown in the central list of the class of hereditaments is less than the amount J.

(4) Where this paragraph applies, regulation 34 shall have effect as regards the class of hereditaments for the days as if the reference to

 $\frac{(BL \oplus AF)}{C}$ were a reference to- $(BL \neq AF) \neq N$ 

C J

(5) For the purposes of this regulation-

B is the non-domestic rating multiplier for the relevant year in which the day falls;

C is the number of days in the relevant year;

J is the rateable value shown for the class of hereditaments for 1st April 2000 in the central list; N is the rateable value shown for the class of hereditaments for the day in the central list; and BL and AF have the meanings given in regulation 33(2).

# PART VI

# CERTIFICATION

#### Certification by appropriate valuation officer

**36.**—(1) The appropriate valuation officer shall certify the values which fall to be certified by him under these Regulations as soon as practicable after the circumstances calling for the certification come to his attention (whether by virtue of an application by the billing authority, the Secretary of State, the ratepayer concerned, or otherwise).

(2) Where, whether by reason of a decision of a valuation tribunal or otherwise, the appropriate valuation officer forms the opinion that a certification under any of the foregoing provisions of these Regulations (other than such a certification which has been confirmed on appeal) is inaccurate, he shall certify the value which in his opinion should be substituted for that originally certified.

(3) A certification under paragraph (2) shall have effect for the purposes of the foregoing provisions of these Regulations in place of the previous certification, and any appeal against that certification under regulation 37 of these Regulations shall be deemed to have been withdrawn.

(4) The valuation officer certifying a value in pursuance of these Regulations shall send a copy of the certification to-

- (a) the billing authority concerned, or, in so far as it relates to a liability under section 54 of the Act, the Secretary of State; and
- (b) subject to paragraph (5), the ratepayer concerned.

(5) Where the certificate in question is given for the purposes of regulation 17(5), no copy is required to be sent in pursuance of paragraph (4)(b) unless the certification is one which has been substituted in pursuance of paragraph (2).

(6) The copy of a certification sent to a ratepayer in pursuance of paragraph (4) shall be accompanied by a statement of the effect, in relation to the certification–

- (a) of regulation 37, and
- (b) where it is a certification under paragraph (2), of paragraph (3),

and may be sent to the ratepayer's last known address or to the address of the hereditament in question.

(7) The valuation officer certifying a value in pursuance of these Regulations shall retain the certification, and a person may at any reasonable time inspect it.

# Appeals against certification

**37.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (5), where an interested person in relation to a hereditament in respect of which a value is certified by an appropriate valuation officer in pursuance of any provision of these Regulations is dissatisfied with the value so certified, he may appeal against the certification in accordance with this regulation.

(2) An appeal under paragraph (1) shall be initiated by serving, before April 2001, a notice on the valuation officer stating the appellant's reasons for being dissatisfied.

(3) Unless within 4 weeks of the date of the service of the notice of the appellant's reasons under paragraph (2), either–

- (a) the notice is withdrawn, or
- (b) the appropriate valuation officer and the appellant agree in writing as to the value which should be certified,

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the disagreement shall at the expiry of that period be referred by that officer to the relevant valuation tribunal as an appeal against that certification.

(4) Part VI of the Appeals Regulations (general provisions relating to appeals) applies in relation to an appeal under this regulation.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions

Hilary Armstrong Minister of State, Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions

16th December 1999