

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order brings into force section 63 of the Local Government Act 2003 on 1 April 2007. This section repeals for Wales the mandatory and discretionary rate relief in the rural rate relief scheme (established by provisions in sections 42A(1), 43(6B) and 47(3A) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988) through amending the existing provisions so that they apply to England only.

Article 3 makes savings so that the unamended sections of the 1988 Act will continue to operate, in respect of financial years ending on or before 31 March 2007, as if section 63 of the 2003 Act had not been brought into force.