## WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2012 No. 899

## The Mobile Homes Act 1983 (Jurisdiction of Residential Property Tribunals) (Wales) Order 2012

## Amendments to the 1983 Act

**3.**—(1) The 1983 Act is amended in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(2) In section 1(5) and (6) (particulars of agreements) for "court" substitute "appropriate judicial body".

(3) In section 2 (terms of agreements) in subsections (2), (3) and (4) for "court", wherever it appears, substitute "appropriate judicial body".

(4) In section 2A (power to amend implied terms) in subsection (3)(a) after "the court", in both places, insert "or a tribunal".

(5) In section 4 (jurisdiction of a tribunal or the court: England and Wales)-

- (a) in subsections (1) and (3), after "England" insert "or in Wales";
- (b) omit subsection (7).

(6) In subsection (1) of section 5 (interpretation)—

(a) before the definition of "the appropriate national authority" insert—

""the appropriate judicial body" means whichever of the court or a tribunal has jurisdiction under section 4;",

(b) after the definition of "the appropriate national authority" insert—

""arbitration agreement" means an agreement in writing to submit to arbitration any question arising under this Act or any agreement to which it applies;",

- (c) in the definition of "the court" in paragraph (a) for the words from "agreed" to "arbitration" substitute "entered into an arbitration agreement that applies to the question to be determined", and
- (d) after the definition of "protected site" insert-

""a tribunal" means a residential property tribunal(1) or, where the parties have entered into an arbitration agreement that applies to the question to be determined and that question arose before the agreement was made, the arbitrator."

(7) In Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 (agreements relating to pitches in England and Wales except pitches in England on local authority gypsy and traveller sites and county council gypsy and traveller sites)—

- (a) in paragraph 1 (duration of agreement) for "or 6" substitute "or 5A",
- (b) in paragraph 4 (termination by owner) for "court" substitute "appropriate judicial body",
- (c) in paragraph 5 (termination by owner) for "court" substitute "appropriate judicial body",
- (d) in paragraph 5A, omit sub-paragraph (1),

<sup>(1)</sup> By section 229 of the Housing Act 2004 (c. 34) any jurisdiction of a residential property tribunal by or under an enactment may be exercised by a rent assessment committee constituted in accordance with Schedule 10 to the Rent Act 1977 (c. 42).

- (e) omit paragraph 6,
- (f) in paragraph 8 (sale of mobile home to a person approved by the owner)—
  - (i) in sub-paragraph (1E), for "court", wherever it appears, substitute "appropriate judicial body", and
  - (ii) after sub-paragraph (1G), insert—
    - "(1H) Subject to sub-paragraph (1I), an application to a tribunal under sub-paragraph (1E) by an occupier must be made—
      - (a) within the period of three months beginning with the day after the date on which the occupier receives notice of the owner's decision under subparagraph (1B); or
      - (b) where the occupier receives no notice from the owner as required by subparagraph (1B), within the period of three months beginning with the date which is 29 days after the date upon which the occupier served the request under sub-paragraph (1A).

(11) A tribunal may permit an application under sub-paragraph (1E) to be made to the tribunal after the applicable period specified in sub-paragraph (1H) if it is satisfied that, in all the circumstances, there are good reasons for the failure to apply before the end of that period and for any delay since then in applying for permission to make the application out of time."

- (g) in paragraph 9 (gift of mobile home), in sub-paragraph (2) for "(1G)" substitute "(1I)",
- (h) in paragraph 10 (re-siting of mobile home), in sub-paragraphs (1)(a) and (2), for "court" substitute "appropriate judicial body",
- (i) in paragraph 16 (the pitch fee), in paragraph (b), for "court" substitute "appropriate judicial body",
- (j) in paragraph 17 (pitch fee review)—
  - (i) for "court", wherever it appears, substitute "appropriate judicial body",
  - (ii) in sub-paragraph (5) omit the words ", in the case of an application in relation to a protected site in England,",
  - (iii) in sub-paragraph (9) omit the words ", in the case of an application in relation to a protected site in England,", and
  - (iv) in sub-paragraph (9A) omit the words "in relation to a protected site in England",
- (k) in paragraph 18 (pitch fee determination), in sub-paragraph (1)(a)(iii), for "court" substitute "appropriate judicial body",
- (l) in paragraph 19 (pitch fee determination), in sub-paragraph (2) omit the words "In the case of a protected site in England,", and
- (m) in paragraph 28 (qualifying residents' association), in sub-paragraph (1)(h), for "court" substitute "appropriate judicial body".

(8) In the heading of Part 2 of Schedule 1 (matters concerning which terms can be implied by court) for "court" substitute "appropriate judicial body".