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**2000 No. 521**

**RATING AND VALUATION, ENGLAND**

**The Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Settlements)  
(England) (Amendment) Order 2000**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>28th February 2000</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>6th March 2000</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st April 2000</i>

The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 43(6B)(b) and 47(3A)(b) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988(1), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order, which extends to England only, may be cited as the Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Settlements) (England) (Amendment) Order 2000 and shall come into force on 1st April 2000.

**Amendment of Order**

2. In relation to a local non-domestic rating list for a chargeable financial year beginning on or after 1st April 2000, article 3 of the Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Settlements) (England) Order 1997(2) shall be amended as follows:

- (a) in paragraph (1) for “£5,000” substitute “£6,000”; and
- (b) in paragraph (2), for “£10,000” substitute “£12,000”.

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(1) 1988 c. 41. Section 43(6B) and 47(3A) were inserted by the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 (c. 29) Schedule 1, paragraphs 2 and 3 respectively. These powers are devolved in relation to Wales to the National Assembly for Wales by the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672); see the reference to the Local Government Finance Act 1988 in Schedule 1.

(2) S.I. 1997/2792.

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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Signed by the 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

28th February 2000

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Sections 43(6A) to (6E) and 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 include provisions for mandatory relief from non-domestic rates for certain general stores and post offices, and discretionary relief for hereditaments used for purposes beneficial to the local community.

This Order, amending the Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Settlements) (England) Order 1997, increases the maximum rateable values above which hereditaments will not be eligible for such relief for the financial year commencing in 2000 and subsequent years. The maximum for the mandatory relief becomes £6,000 (formerly £5,000) and for the discretionary relief £12,000 (formerly £10,000).