

1985 No. 153

HOUSING

**Housing (Unoccupied Premises — Continuance of Powers) Order
(Northern Ireland) 1985**

Made 27th June 1985

Coming into operation 10th November 1985

*To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 1
to the Northern Ireland Act 1974*

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Article 64 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Housing (Unoccupied Premises — Continuance of Powers) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985 and shall come into operation on 10th November 1985.

Continuance of power to secure or demolish unoccupied premises

2. The following provisions of Chapter V of Part III of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 shall continue in force for a period of two years from 9th November 1985—

- (a) Article 59 insofar as it defines “the owner” (in relation to unoccupied premises) and “unoccupied”;
- (b) Articles 63 and 64.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 27th June 1985.

(L.S.)

F. R. Rodgers

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order continues in force until 9th November 1987 some provisions of Chapter V of Part III of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 which empower the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to deal with certain unoccupied premises.

The provisions continued in force are as follows:—

- (a) Article 59 insofar as it defines certain terms used in Article 63.
- (b) Article 63 which provides that the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, where it is satisfied that action is necessary to protect housing accommodation, may serve a notice on the owner of unoccupied property requiring him to carry out certain works to it or to demolish it. In default the Housing Executive may carry out the works and may charge the owner the cost thereof.
- (c) Article 64 which enables the Department to make orders for the continuance, cessation or reintroduction of the provisions of Chapter V of Part III of the Order.

The provisions of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, which are continued in force by this Order, were previously continued in force until 9th November 1983 by the Housing (Unoccupied Premises — Continuance of Powers) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981 (S.R. 1981 No. 314) and were again continued in force until 9th November 1985 by the Housing (Unoccupied Premises — Continuance of Powers) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983 (S.R. 1983 No. 284).