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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

RATING OF UNOCCUPIED PROPERTY.

Determination of rateable values

- 5 (1) Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the rateable value of a hereditament for the purposes of paragraph 1 thereof shall be the rateable value ascribed to it in the valuation list in force for the area in which the hereditament is situated or, if the hereditament is not included in that list, the first rateable value subsequently ascribed to the hereditament in a valuation list in force for that area.
- (2) If the relevant period of vacancy in respect of a hereditament begins before and ends at or after the time when a new valuation list comes into force for the area of the rating authority and the hereditament is not included in the previous valuation list, then—
- (a) the valuation officer shall, at the request of the rating authority or the owner of the hereditament, certify to that authority the rateable value which in his opinion would (in accordance with section 20 of this Act) have been ascribed to the hereditament if it had been included in the previous list by alteration of that list;
 - (b) the provisions of Part V of this Act shall apply in relation to any such certificate as if it were a proposal by the valuation officer for the alteration of a valuation list; and
 - (c) for the purposes of the liability of the owner to be rated in respect of so much of the relevant period of vacancy as fell before the coming into force of the new valuation list, the rateable value of the hereditament shall be taken to be the value as settled in pursuance of the certificate and any proceedings consequent thereon.
- (3) Where two or more persons are or have been severally entitled to possession of different parts of any property which is included in a valuation list as a hereditament or to which a certificate under sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph relates and any of those parts—
- (a) consists of property suitable for inclusion in a valuation list as a separate hereditament; and
 - (b) would be a relevant hereditament if it were included in a valuation list as a separate hereditament,
- the part may be treated as a relevant hereditament for the purposes of this Schedule and the valuation officer may give such directions as he thinks fit for apportioning between those parts the rateable value ascribed to the property by the list or certificate aforesaid.
- 6 (1) A rating authority may request the valuation officer to make a proposal for including in the valuation list in force for their area any unoccupied building in their area (together with any garden, yard, court or other land intended for use for the purposes of the building) which in their opinion is, or when completed will be, a newly erected

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dwelling-house ; and if the valuation officer thinks fit to comply with the request he may make a proposal for including the building (together with any such garden, yard, court or other land as aforesaid) as a dwelling-house in that list and for ascribing to it in the list such values as he considers are appropriate or will be appropriate when the building is completed.

- (2) Where such a request is made by a rating authority and the valuation officer serves notice in writing by post or otherwise on the authority stating that he does not propose to comply with the request, the rating authority may, if they think fit, within the period of twenty-eight days beginning with the date of service of the notice, make a proposal for including the building and any other land to which the request relates as a dwelling-house in the list aforesaid and for ascribing to it in the list such values as the authority consider are appropriate or will be appropriate when the building is completed.
- (3) Where a new valuation list is prepared for any area, the valuation officer shall include in the list as transmitted to the rating authority—
 - (a) any dwelling-house included in the current list for that area in pursuance of a proposal under sub-paragraph (1) or (2) of this paragraph ; and
 - (b) any building (with or without other land) in respect of which a proposal for its inclusion in the current list as a dwelling-house has been made by him under the said sub-paragraph (1) and has not been settled,and if any such proposal is made by him after the new list has been so transmitted, shall cause that list to be altered so as to include the building (with or without other land) as a dwelling-house in the new list.
- (4) Where a newly erected dwelling-house is first occupied after its completion and a rateable value has, in pursuance of the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, previously been ascribed to it in the valuation list currently in force for the area in which it is situated, any different rateable value subsequently ascribed to it in that list and which, apart from this sub-paragraph, would have effect from the date when the dwelling-house is first occupied as aforesaid shall be deemed to have effect from the date on which the current list came into force or the date from which the previous rateable value had effect, whichever is the later.