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LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Rating Authorities (Initial Expenses of New Authorities)
Regulations 1973**

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Coming into Operation 17th April 1973

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in relation to England, and the Secretary of State for Wales, in relation to Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 169(1) of the Local Government Act 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Rating Authorities (Initial Expenses of New Authorities) Regulations 1973 and shall come into operation on 17th April 1973.

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In these regulations—

“the Act” means the Local Government Act 1972; and

“Wales” means the area consisting of the counties established by section 20 of the Act (new local government areas in Wales), and “England” does not include any area included in any of those counties.

3. Each existing rating authority which is required by section 169 of the Act to cause the appropriate contribution, as defined in that section, to be paid into the county fund of a new county council or the general rate fund of a new district council shall not later than the date of the first meeting of such council transmit to the person who will under paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 3 or paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 5 to the Act exercise any functions falling to be exercised by the proper officer of the county or district council in relation to the first meeting thereof—

(a) in a case where the product of a rate of 1p in the pound has been estimated by the rating authority for the purposes of section 12(2) of the General Rate Act 1967(c) (precepts by county councils, etc.), a statement of one quarter of such estimate;

(a) 1972 c. 70.
(c) 1967 c. 9.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(b) in any other case, an estimate of the amount of the appropriate contribution, as defined in the said section 169.

4. Each such rating authority shall not later than fourteen days after the date of the first meeting of the county or district council, or within such longer period as such council may agree, pay the amount indicated in the statement or estimate to such council.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for the Environment.
21st March 1973.

A. J. Rosenfeld,
An Under Secretary in the
Department of the Environment.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales.
22nd March 1973.

I. S. Dewar,
An Under Secretary,
Welsh Office.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

Section 169 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires the existing rating authorities whose areas, or parts of whose areas, fall within the new counties and districts to make contributions to the councils of those counties and districts; the contribution is in each case an amount equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ of the product of a rate of 1p in the pound for the relevant area; these contributions are to be made in accordance with arrangements made by regulations. These regulations provide for statements related to the amounts estimated earlier in the year for precepting purposes or, where there are no such amounts, for estimates of the amount of the contributions to be supplied not later than the first meetings of the new councils, and for payments in accordance with such statements or estimates to be made within 14 days of such meetings or at such later time as may be agreed.

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