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LANDLORD AND TENANT

**The Landlord Registration Scheme (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2016**

Laid before the Assembly in draft

Made - - - - 29th June 2016

Coming into operation - 1st September 2016

The Department for Communities makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by on it by Articles 65A(1) and (2) and Article 73(1) of the Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Landlord Registration Scheme (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2016.

Amendment of the Landlord Registration Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

2. In regulation 2 of the Landlord Registration Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 for the definition of “authorised officer” substitute—

““authorised officer” means an officer of the district council, the Department of Finance, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive or the Department for Communities authorised in writing for the purpose of regulation 9 of the Landlord Registration Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014(b).”

3. For regulation 9 of the Landlord Registration Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014, substitute—

“Disclosure of information to certain bodies

9. Information held by the registrar and not included in the register shall, on request from an authorised officer be disclosed to:—

- (a) a district council for the purpose of enabling or assisting that council to exercise its functions under any provision of the Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 and Article 54 of the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978; or
- (b) the Department of Finance for the purpose of its functions under the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 or the Rates (Capital Values, etc) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006; or

(a) S.I. 2006/1459 (N.I. 10) as amended by 2011 c.22 (N.I.)

(b) S.R. 2014 No. 9

- (c) the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the purposes of:—
 - (i) the administration of housing benefit; and/or
 - (ii) the regulation of Houses in Multiple Occupation;
- (d) the Department for Communities for the purposes of:—
 - (i) Welfare Supplementary Payments paid in respect of the application of the Benefit Cap; and/or
 - (ii) the administration of the housing element of Universal Credit.”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 29th June 2016
(L.S.)

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A senior officer of the
Department for Communities

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Landlord Registration Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 to require that information held by the registrar and not included in the register of landlords shall, on request from an authorised officer, be disclosed to the Department for Communities for certain purposes.

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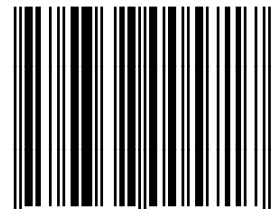
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