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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2021 No. 74**

**BUSINESS TENANCIES**

The Business Tenancies (Coronavirus)  
(Restriction on Forfeiture: Relevant Period)  
(Northern Ireland) Regulations 2021

*Made* - - - - *24th March 2021*

*Coming into operation* *29th March 2021*

The Department of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 83(7) of the Coronavirus Act 2020<sup>(1)</sup>, makes the following Regulations.

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Business Tenancies (Coronavirus) (Restriction on Forfeiture: Relevant Period) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2021 and come into operation on 29th March 2021.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954<sup>(2)</sup> applies to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

**Extension of “relevant period”**

2. For the purposes of the definition of the relevant period in section 83(7) of the Coronavirus Act 2020, the relevant period ends on 30th June 2021.

**Revocation**

3. The Business Tenancies (Coronavirus) (Restriction on Forfeiture: Relevant Period) (Northern Ireland) (No. 3) Regulations 2020<sup>(3)</sup> are revoked.

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(1) 2020 c. 7.  
(2) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)  
(3) S.R. 2020 No. 332

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance on 24th March 2021.

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

Section 83 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 provides that a right of re-entry or forfeiture, under a relevant business tenancy, for non-payment of rent may not be enforced, by action or otherwise, during the relevant period.

Regulation 2 provides that, further to previous statutory extensions, the relevant period is now extended to 30th June 2021.

Regulation 3 revokes the Business Tenancies (Coronavirus) (Restriction on Forfeiture: Relevant Period) (Northern Ireland) (No. 3) Regulations 2020.