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PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS

CHAPTER V

AMENDMENTS OF THE ORDER OF 1992

Repairs grants

142.—(1) In Article 74 of the Order of 1992 (repairs grants towards costs of meeting certain statutory repairing obligations in respect of dwelling-houses), after paragraph (2) there shall be inserted—

"(2A) A repairs grant shall not be payable—

- (a) to a person who is an owner of the dwelling-house and who occupies it as his only or principal home; or
- (b) to a person who is a tenant of a dwelling-house at a time when the estate of the landlord under the tenancy belongs to—
 - (i) the Crown (whether in right of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom or in Northern Ireland),
 - (ii) a government department (including a department of the Government of the United Kingdom),
 - (iii) the Executive, or
 - (iv) a registered housing association; or
- (c) to a person of such other description as the Department may prescribe.".
- (2) In Schedule 3 to the Order of 1992 (provisions with respect to repairs grants), in paragraph 3—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (3), for "£5,500" there shall be substituted "£7,500";
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (5), at the beginning there shall be inserted "Subject to sub-paragraph (6)"; and
 - (c) after sub-paragraph (5) there shall be added—

"(6) The total amount of repairs grant payable in any period of 3 years in respect of any one dwelling-house shall not exceed \pounds 7,500 or such other amount as the Department may by order specify."

(3) The amendments made by this Article apply to a repairs grant payable under Article 74 of the Order of 1992 by the Executive towards the cost of works specified—

(a) in a certificate of disrepair issued in respect of a dwelling-house under Article 46 of the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (NI 20), or

(b) in a notice served in respect of a dwelling-house under section 110 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878 (c. 52),

on or after the day of the coming into operation of this Article.