



# Counter - Inflation Act 1973

## CHAPTER 9

### COUNTER - INFLATION ACT 1973

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### SCHEDULES

#### SCHEDULE 1 — The Agencies

##### PART I — AGENCIES' FUNCTIONS UNDER PART II

- 1 (1) Each Agency shall in accordance with this paragraph make...

##### PART II — ADVISORY ROLE OF THE AGENCIES

##### *References and instructions*

- 2 (1) The Minister may refer to the appropriate Agency any...

##### *Supplemental provisions*

- 3 (1) For the purposes of paragraph 2 above " the...

##### PART III — INCIDENTAL PROVISIONS HAVING EFFECT IN RELATION TO EACH AGENCY

- 4 The Agency shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession...

##### *Appointment of members*

- 5 (1) The Secretary of State may appoint persons to the...

##### *Tenure of office, etc, of members*

- 6 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, a...

*Tenure of office of chairman and deputies*

7 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, the...

*Remuneration and expenses of members*

8 The Secretary of State shall, out of money provided by...

*Application of House of Commons Disqualification Act*

9 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of...

*Officers and servants*

10 The Agency— (a) shall have a secretary, to be appointed...

11 (1) The Agency shall pay to their officers and servants...

*General provisions with respect to the Agency's proceedings*

12 The validity of any proceedings of the Agency shall not...

13 Subject to paragraph 18 below, the Agency may determine their...

*Exercise of chairman's functions during absence, incapacity etc.*

14 (1) At any time when the chairman of the Agency...

*Inquiries*

15 (1) The Agency may hold such inquiries as they consider...

16 (1) For the purposes of any inquiry under this Act,...

*Publication of information and advice*

17 The Agency may arrange for the publication, in such form...

*Power of Secretary of State to give directions*

18 In determining any matter of procedure (including the quorum necessary...

*Expenses of the Agency*

19 The expenses incurred by the Agency under paragraph 11 above...

*Interpretation*

20 This Part of this Schedule shall have effect in relation...

SCHEDULE 2 — Approvals and Consents

*Procedure for approving proposed increases*

1 (1) The Minister may by order establish procedures by which,...

2 (1) Where an Agency approve proposals for an increase in...

3 Where notice of an increase is given under section 5...

4 (1) Any reference in this Act to an order under...

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*Consents by Agencies*

- 5 (1) There is no contravention of an order or notice...

*Consents by the Minister*

- 6 (1) If, after consultation with the Agency, the Minister is...

*Terms of consents*

- 7 (1) Any power of granting a consent conferred by or...

SCHEDULE 3 — Supplemental Provisions

PART I — ORDERS AND NOTICES UNDER THIS ACT

- 1 (1) An order or notice under Part II of this...

*Identification of two or more different persons*

- 2 (1) For the purposes of sections 5 to 7 of...

*Validity of transactions*

- 3 (1) The Minister may by order made at any time...

*Application of provisions of the Interpretation Act 1889*

- 4 On the expiration of Part II of this Act (whether...

*Notices and orders*

- 5 (1) The Minister may by regulations prescribe the manner in...

*Crown servants*

- 6 (1) Although this Act does not bind the Crown an...

*Consultations by Ministers before the passing of this Act*

- 7 A provision of this Act which imposes on a Minister...

PART II — ORDERS AND NOTICES UNDER THE COUNTER-INFLATION  
(TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) ACT 1972

*Orders and notices about prices, charges and remuneration*

- 8 (1) Any order or notice which was made or given...

*Adaptations of the Temporary Provisions Act*

- 9 The references in section 3 of the said Act of...

- 10 (1) The reference in paragraph 1(4) of the Schedule to...

SCHEDULE 4 — Enforcement

*Enforcement by local weights and measures authorities*

- 1 (1) Every local weights and measures authority may within their...

*Power of Minister to designate officers for purposes of enforcement*

- 2 (1) The Minister may by order designate—

*Powers of inspection and entry*

- 3 (1) A duly authorised officer of the Minister, or of...

*Restriction on disclosure of information obtained under this Act*

- 4 (1) This paragraph applies to information given or supplied pursuant...

*Expenses to be treated as special expenses of county councils*

- 5 (1) In respect of any period during which a district...

SCHEDULE 5 — Rent Restriction

*Special rent limit for existing tenancies brought within the Rent Act*

- 1 (1) This paragraph applies to a regulated tenancy—  
2 (1) Where at the date of the passing of this...

*Adjustment for repairs, services or rates*

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies to a contractual period the rent...

*Statutory period of tenancy: no adjustment for improvements*

- 4 Section 25 of the Rent Act 1968 (increase for improvements)...

*Premiums*

- 5 (1) This paragraph has effect where a premium was lawfully...  
6 (1) Where the tenancy to which paragraph 5(1) above applies...

*Tenancies ending before passing of this Act*

- 7 (1) This paragraph applies where the tenancy of a dwelling-house...

*Mortgages*

- 8 At the end of section 93 of the Rent Act...

*Grounds for possession of dwelling-house*

- 9 If at the date of the passing of this Act...

*Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests Act) 1951*

- 10 In section 16(2)(a) of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection...

*Tenancies at a low rent*

- 11 (1) At the end of section 2(1) of the Rent...

*Construction*

- 12 In this Schedule— (a) " rates " includes water rates...

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## SCHEDULE 6 — Repeals