

## 1972 No. 50

## LAND CHARGES

## The Land Charges Rules 1972

Made - - - 21st January 1972  
 Coming into Operation 1st March 1972

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 19 of the Land Charges Act 1925(a) and section 4(4) of the Law of Property (Amendment) Act 1926(b), hereby makes the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Land Charges Rules 1972 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1972.

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply to the interpretation of these Rules as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In these Rules “section 4” means section 4 of the Law of Property (Amendment) Act 1926 as varied by the Land Charges Rules 1940(d) and the Land Charges (No. 2) Rules 1940(e) and as amended by section 7 of the Land Registration and Land Charges Act 1971(f).

(3) These Rules shall not have effect in relation to local land charges.

3.—(1) The number of days, prescribed by section 4(1), for the purpose of giving a priority notice shall be varied from at least 14 to at least 15 before the registration pursuant to the notice is to take effect.

(2) The number of days, prescribed by section 4(1)(b), within which an application for registration pursuant to a priority notice must be presented after the notice has been entered on the register shall be varied from 28 to 30.

(3) The number of days, prescribed by section 4(2), before the expiration of which a purchase must be completed in order to give a purchaser who has obtained an official certificate of the result of search the protection provided for by the said subsection shall be varied from 14 to 15 after the date of the certificate.

4. The Land Charges Rules 1940 and the Land Charges (No. 2) Rules 1940 are hereby revoked.

Dated 21st January 1972.

*Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.*

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(a) 1925 c. 22.

(b) 1926 c. 11.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

(d) S.R. & O. 1940/1998 (Rev. XI, p. 812; 1940 I, p. 490).

(e) S.R. & O. 1940/2195 (Rev. XI, p. 813; 1940 I, p. 491).

(f) 1971 c. 54.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Rules.)*

These Rules extend the periods prescribed under section 4 of the Law of Property (Amendment) Act 1926 for priority notices in the Land Charges Department of H.M. Land Registry and for the protection conferred by official search certificates issued by that Department.

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