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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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1984 No. 797

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES

CHANGES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

**The Meirionnydd (Communities) Order 1984**

*Made* - - - - 5th June 1984

*Coming into Operation—*

*For the purposes  
described in  
article 2* - - - 1st January 1985

*For all other  
purposes* - - - 1st April 1985

Whereas the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales, under paragraph 6 of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Act 1972(a), made proposals to the Secretary of State for Wales in relation to communities in the District of Meirionnydd:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State for Wales, in exercise of his powers under paragraph 7 of the said Schedule and section 67(4) and (5) of the said Act as applied by paragraph 9 of the said Schedule, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order giving effect to the said proposals with modifications:—

*Title and commencement*

1. This order may be cited as the Meirionnydd (Communities) Order 1984.

2. 1st January 1985 is hereby specified as the day on which this order shall come into operation for any purposes set out in regulation 4(1) (Coming into operation of order) of the Regulations.

For all other purposes this order shall come into operation on the appointed day.

*Interpretation*

3. In this order—

“the appointed day” means 1st April 1985;

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(a) 1972 c.70.

“as altered” means as altered by the Glyndŵr (Communities) Order 1984(a) and this order;

“new community” means a community constituted by this order;

“new community council” means a community council established by this order;

“new community ward” means a community ward formed by this order;

“the Regulations” means the Local Government Area Changes Regulations 1976(b) as amended by the Local Government Area Changes (Amendment) Regulations 1978(c); and

“Schedule 1” and “Schedule 2” mean Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 to this order.

#### *The boundary map*

4.— (1) In this order, “the boundary map” means the map issued by the Welsh Office and marked “Boundary map of the Meirionnydd (Communities) Order 1984”. The sheets of the boundary map are respectively marked with the numbers 1 to 81 and are in this order referred to by such numbers.

(2) Regulation 5(3)(a)(ii) of the Regulations (which requires the supply of prints of maps referred to in orders to the Secretary of State for Social Services) shall not apply.

#### *Changes in counties and districts*

5.— (1) That part of the County of Gwynedd, of the District of Meirionnydd and of the Community of Mallwyd which is shown hatched red on sheet 65 of the boundary map shall be transferred to the County of Powys, to the District of Montgomery and to the Community of Cemmaes, and shall form part of the Machynlleth Rural electoral division of the County of Powys, of the No. 31 ward of the District of Montgomery, of the Machynlleth petty sessional division and of the Powys No. 1 coroner’s district.

(2) That part of the County of Powys, of the District of Montgomery and of the Community of Caereinion Fechan which is shown coloured red on sheets 64 and 72 of the boundary map shall be transferred to the County of Gwynedd and to the District of Meirionnydd.

(3) The other boundaries of the District of Meirionnydd with the District of Montgomery, and of the County of Gwynedd with the County of Powys, shall be such boundaries as shown by the relevant continuous red lines on the boundary map.

(4) (a) Sub-paragraphs (b) to (e) shall apply in the District of Montgomery.

(b) Any community or community ward boundary meeting a boundary displaced by paragraph (3) shall be continued to the new boundary thereby established in the shortest possible distance.

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(a) S.I. 1984/739.

(b) S.I. 1976/246.

(c) S.I. 1978/247.

(c) Any area added to the district by paragraph (3) to which (b) does not apply shall form part of the community which it adjoins.

(d) Any area added to the district by paragraph (3) to which (b) does not apply in its application to community ward boundaries shall form part of the community ward, if any, which it adjoins.

(e) Any alteration of a community ward, or of a community not divided into community wards, made by this paragraph shall extend to the electoral division of a county, ward of the district, petty sessional division and coroner's district in which the community ward or the community, as the case may be, is situated.

### *Communities*

#### **6. In the District of Meirionnydd as altered—**

(1) the twelve communities of Bala, Ffestiniog, Llanbedr, Llanegryn, Llanfair, Llanfrothen, Llanuwchllyn, Llanycil, Maentwrog, Penrhynedraeth, Trawsfynydd and Tywyn shall continue;

(2) the two communities of Llandanwg and Llangelynnin shall continue but shall be renamed and are hereinafter referred to as Harlech and Llangelynin respectively;

(3) the nineteen existing communities of Barmouth, Brithdir and Islaw'r-dref, Dolgellau, Llanaber, Llandderfel, Llanddwywe-is-y-graig, Llanddwyweuwch-y-graig, Llandecwyn, Llanelltyd, Llanenddwyn, Llanfachreth, Llanfihangel-y-Pennant, Llanfor, Llangower, Llanymawddwy, Mallwyd, Pennal, Talsarnau and Talyllyn shall be abolished;

(4) sixteen new communities to be known as Aberdovey, Arthog, Barmouth, Brithdir and Llanfachreth, Bryn-crug, Corris, Dolgellau, Dyffryn Ardudwy, Ganllwyd, Llandderfel, Llanelltyd, Llanfihangel-y-Pennant, Llangywer, Mawddwy, Pennal and Talsarnau shall be constituted;

(5) the communities named in paragraphs (1), (2) and (4) shall, subject to the provision of paragraph (6), consist of the areas shown by the relevant continuous red lines on the boundary map; and

(6) any island, rock or sandbank forming part of an existing community in the District which is not expressly shown on the boundary map as part of a community named in paragraph (1), (2) or (4) shall form, or continue to form, part of such a community (and if that community is divided into wards of the ward) nearest to which any part of such island, rock or sandbank lies.

### *Electoral divisions and district wards*

7. Where any boundary of the District of Meirionnydd altered by article 5 is also the boundary of an electoral division of the County of Gwynedd or of a ward of the said district, the alteration shall extend to such electoral division or ward.

*Community councils*

8.—(1) The community council of any community named in paragraph (3) of article 6 shall be dissolved.

(2) The community wards of the communities of Ffestiniog, Llanaber, Llangelynnin and Tywyn shall be abolished.

(3) There shall be a community council for each new community.

(4) Subject to paragraph (6), the communities in respect of which new community wards are named in column (2) of Schedule 1 shall be divided into such wards, such wards consisting, subject to the provision of paragraph (6) of article 6, of the areas shown by the relevant continuous green lines on the boundary map.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6), the number of councillors for each community named in column (1) of Schedule 1 not divided into community wards, and for each new community ward, shall be that shown in respect thereof in column (3).

(6) Until the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1987—

(a) the Community of Barmouth shall not be divided into wards;

(b) the number of councillors for each community or new community ward in respect of which a number is specified in column (4) of Schedule 1 shall, subject to the provision of paragraph (6) of article 11, be that number.

(7) The annual meetings of—

the new community councils; and

the community councils of Ffestiniog, Llanbedr, Llangelynnin and Tywyn

for 1985 shall be held in April 1985. Such meetings of the new community councils shall be convened by the officer appointed by the District Council of Meirionnydd for the purpose.

(8) As from the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1987 the number of councillors for the Community of Llanfair shall be 8.

(9) The number of councillors for the Community of Bala shall remain 12.

*Petty sessional divisions*

9. Any petty sessional division named in column (1) of the following table shall comprise the communities specified in respect thereof in column (2) as existing on and after the appointed day.

TABLE

(1)	(2)
Ardudwy-is-Artro	Arthog, Barmouth, Dyffryn Ardudwy and Llanelltyd.
Ardudwy-uwch-Artro	Ffestiniog, Harlech, Llanbedr, Llanfair, Llanfrothen, Maentwrog, Penrhyndeudraeth, Talsarnau and Trawsfynydd.
Estimaner	Aberdovey, Bryn-crug, Corris, Llanegryn, Llanfihangel-y-Pennant, Llangelynin, Pernal and Tywyn.
Penllyn	Bala, Llandderfel, Llangywer, Llanuwchllyn and Llanycil.
Talybont	Brithdir and Llanfachreth, Dolgellau, Ganllwyd and Mawddwy.

*Coroner's district*

10. The Meirionnydd coroner's district shall consist of the District of Meirionnydd as altered.

*Councillors*

11.— (1) Regulation 8(1) (Councillors) of the Regulations shall not apply to any community or community ward in the District of Meirionnydd.

(2) Any person in office at the appointed day as councillor for any community or community ward named in column (1) of Part I of Schedule 2 shall represent the area specified in respect of such community or community ward in column (2) on the appropriate council until the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1987. Any casual vacancy which exists at the coming into operation of this order or occurs before the appointed day in the office of councillor for any such community or community ward, and which may be filled notwithstanding the provision of paragraph (6), shall (except where notice of the election has at the coming into operation of this order already been given) be deemed to have arisen in the representation of the area specified in the said column (2). Where notice of the election has at the coming into operation of this order already been given the person elected shall represent the area specified in the said column (2) on the appropriate council until the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1987.

(3) Subject to paragraph (5), any casual vacancy which exists at the coming into operation of this order or occurs before the appointed day in any office named or described in Part II of Schedule 2 shall (except where notice of the election has at the coming into operation of this order already been given) not be filled. Any person in office at the appointed day in any such office shall retire from office on that day.

- (4) Subject as aforesaid, the following elections, namely—
- (a) elections of councillors for the communities and community wards named or described in Part III of Schedule 2;
  - (b) the election of three additional councillors for the Dyfi ward of Aberdovey;
  - (c) the election of two additional councillors for the Community of Llanbedr; and
  - (d) the election of three additional councillors for the Community of Llangelynin,

shall be held on such day prior to the appointed day as the returning officer shall appoint and the community council election rules for the time being in force shall apply to the elections with any necessary modifications. The persons elected shall come into office on the appointed day and shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1987.

- (5) If at a meeting of the community council held before 15th February 1985—

not more of the councillors for a community named in column (1) of the following table than the number specified in respect of such community in column (2) are prepared to remain in office as councillors for the community ward so specified in column (3); or

such number of such councillors prepared so to remain in office are chosen by lot drawn under the direction of the person presiding at the meeting,

then—

- (a) paragraph (2) shall thereafter apply—  
to such councillors; and  
to such community with the substitution for any reference to the coming into operation of this order of a reference to the date of such meeting;
- (b) the provision of paragraph (3) as to retirement shall not apply to such councillors; and
- (c) the reference in Part III of Schedule 2 to the ward named in column (3) shall cease to have effect.

The action taken at the meeting shall be notified forthwith to the District Council of Meirionnydd.

TABLE

(1) Existing community	(2) Number of councillors	(3) New community ward
Llandderfel	7	Llan y Betws ward of Llandderfel
Llanddwywe-is-y-graig	5	Llanddwywe ward of Dyffryn Ardudwy
Llanenddwyn	7	Llanenddwyn ward of Dyffryn Ardudwy
Llangower	3	Cwm y Glyn ward of Llangywer
Llanymawddwy	2	Llanymawddwy ward of Mawddwy

In so far as the number of councillors for a ward named in column (3) specified in respect of the ward in column (2) is not provided under the earlier provision of this paragraph, paragraph (4) shall have effect as if it had also contained provision for the election of such additional number of councillors for such ward as is not so provided.

(6) Casual vacancies existing at the coming into operation of this order or occurring before the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1987 in the offices of councillors for any community or community ward in respect of which a number greater than that in column (3) of Schedule 1 is specified in column (4) shall (except where notice of the election has at the coming into operation of this order already been given) be filled only to maintain the number of councillors at that specified in column (3).

In relation to the Community of Barmouth this paragraph shall have effect as if the sum of the numbers specified for the wards of the community in column (3) had been specified for the community.

(7) Community councillors for the new wards of the Community of Barmouth shall be elected at the ordinary elections of councillors in 1987. The persons elected shall come into office on the fourth day after the day of election and shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1991.

*Residuary successors*

12. In relation to any authority named in column (1) of the following table, for the purposes of any provision of the Regulations which refers to the residuary successor of a dissolved authority, the new community council specified in respect of the first-mentioned authority in column (2) is hereby specified as the residuary successor of such authority.

TABLE

(1)	(2)
Community council of Barmouth or Llanaber	The Community Council of Barmouth
Community Council of Brithdir and Islaw'r-dref or Town Council of Dolgellau	The Community Council of Dolgellau
Community council of Llandderfel or Llanfor	The Community Council of Llandderfel
Community council of Llanddwywe-is-y-graig or Llanenddwyn	The Community Council of Dyffryn Ardudwy
Community council of Llandecwyn or Talsarnau	The Community Council of Talsarnau
Community Council of Llanelltyd	The Community Council of Llanelltyd
Community Council of Llanfachreth	The Community Council of Brithdir and Llanfachreth
Community Council of Llanfihangel-y-Pennant	The Community Council of Llanfihangel-y-Pennant
Community Council of Llangower	The Community Council of Llangywer
Community council of Llanymawddwy or Mallwyd	The Community Council of Mawddwy
Community Council of Pennal	The Community Council of Pennal
Community Council of Talyllyn	The Community Council of Corris

*Community books, etc.*

13.— (1) The specified papers of a community named in column (1) of the following table shall be deposited in the custody of the new community council named in respect of such community in column (2).

TABLE

(1)	(2)
Llandderfel	The Community Council of Llandderfel
Llandecwyn or Talsarnau	The Community Council of Talsarnau
Llanfihangel-y-Pennant	The Community Council of Llanfihangel-y-Pennant
Llangower	The Community Council of Llangywer
Llanymawddwy or Mallwyd	The Community Council of Mawddwy

(2) The specified papers of a community named in column (1) of the following table shall be deposited in such custody as may, with the approval of the District Council of Meirionnydd, be agreed between the community councils specified in respect of such community in column (2), or failing such approval and agreement, as may be directed by the said district council.



TABLE

(1)	(2)
Brithdir and Islaw'r-dref	The community councils of Arthog, Brithdir and Llanfachreth and Dolgellau
Llanaber	The community councils of Barmouth, Dyffryn Ardudwy and Llanelltyd
Llanelltyd	The community councils of Ganllwyd and Llanelltyd
Llanenddwyn	The community councils of Dyffryn Ardudwy and Llanbedr
Llanfachreth	The community councils of Brithdir and Llanfachreth and Ganllwyd
Llanfor	The community councils of Llandderfel and Llangywer
Pennal	The community councils of Corris and Pennal
Talylyn	The community councils of Corris and Llanfihangel-y-Pennant

(3) In this article, "specified papers", in relation to any community, means the public books, writings and papers of the community (including any photographic copies thereof) and all documents directed by law to be kept therewith.

*Expenses of new community councils*

14. In the year beginning on the appointed day the District Council of Meirionnydd may levy rates in each new community and make payments to the new community council as if such council had issued a precept to the district council requiring the payment of a sum not exceeding the product of a rate of 3p in the pound calculated on the total rateable value as set out in the valuation list on the appointed day.

*Town and country planning*

15. The provisions applicable to any area transferred by article 5 from one county to another of—

- (i) the structure plan;
- (ii) the old development plan (within the meaning of paragraph 2 of Schedule 7 to the Town and Country Planning Act 1971)(a);
- (iii) any local plan which has been adopted by the council of the county from which the area is transferred; and
- (iv) any local plan which has been adopted by the council of the district from which the area is transferred;

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(a) 1971 c.78.

shall have effect as if they were—

- (a) in the case of (i) or (ii), contained in similar plans made by the council of the county to which the area is transferred;
- (b) in the case of (iii), a local plan adopted by the council of such county; and
- (c) in the case of (iv), a local plan adopted by the council of the district to which the area is transferred.

#### *Cemeteries*

16.— (1) In relation to any relevant cemetery, in the period of 25 years beginning on the appointed day—

- (a) any inhabitant of a specified area shall be entitled to the same rights of burial as the inhabitants of the relevant area;
- (b) any provisions in relation to inhabitants in any table of fees in force in respect of the cemetery shall apply to the inhabitants of a specified area as they apply to the inhabitants of the relevant area;
- (c) no differential charges shall be imposed on the inhabitants of a specified area.

(2) Subject to paragraph (1), and to paragraph (2) of regulation 35 of the Regulations where it applies in consequence of any order made under the powers recited in this order, any provisions in relation to inhabitants of any community abolished by article 6(3) in any table of fees in force in respect of any relevant cemetery shall apply to the inhabitants of the relevant area.

(3) In this article:—

“relevant cemetery” means a cemetery to which the Local Authorities’ Cemeteries Order 1977(a) applies maintained immediately before the appointed day by the council of a community abolished by article 6(3);

“the relevant area” means the area transferred from such community to the community in which the cemetery is situated; and

“specified area” means an area so transferred to any other community.

(4) Paragraphs (1) to (3) are supplementary to paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation 35 of the Regulations.

#### *Local Acts, orders and byelaws*

17. The existing communities named in any entry in column (1) of the following table are hereby specified in relation to regulation 41(4) (Local Acts, orders and byelaws) of the Regulations and the new community named in respect of such communities in column (2) is hereby specified in relation to such communities.

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(a) S.I. 1977/204.

TABLE

(1)	(2)
Tywyn	Aberdovey
Brithdir and Islaw'r-dref, Llanegryn and Llangelynnin	Arthog
Barmouth and Llanaber	Barmouth
Brithdir and Islaw'r-dref and Llanfachreth	Brithdir and Llanfachreth
Tywyn	Bryn-crug
Pennal and Talyllyn	Corris
Brithdir and Islaw'r-dref and Dolgellau	Dolgellau
Llanaber, Llanddwywe-is-y-graig and Llanenddwyn	Dyffryn Ardudwy
Llanddwywe-uwch-y-graig, Llanelltyd, Llanfachreth and Trawsfynydd	Ganllwyd
Llandderfel and Llanfor	Llandderfel
Llanaber and Llanelltyd	Llanelltyd
Llanfihangel-y-Pennant, Talyllyn and Tywyn	Llanfihangel-y-Pennant
Llanfor and Llangower	Llangywer
Llanymawddwy and Mallwyd	Mawddwy
Pennal and Tywyn	Pennal
Llandecwyn and Talsarnau	Talsarnau

SCHEDULE 1

Article 8

COMMUNITIES: WARDS: COUNCILLORS

(1) Community	(2) Ward	(3) Number of community councillors	(4) Number of community councillors until fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1987
<i>New communities</i>			
Aberdovey	Abertafol	2	—
	Dyfi	9	—
Arthog	Friog	6	—
	Islaw'r-dref	4	—
*Barmouth	East	5	12
	North	3	
	West	5	
Brithdir and Llanfachreth	Brithdir	4	—
	Machreth	8	12
Bryn-crug	—	9	—
Corris	—	9	—
Dolgellau	Northern	5	—
	Rural	2	—
	Southern	7	—
Dyffryn Ardudwy	Llanddwywe	5	—
	Llanenddwyn	7	—
Ganllwyd	—	7	—
Llandderfel	Llan y Betws	7	—
	Llanfor	6	—
Llanelltyd	—	9	—
Llanfihangel- y-Pennant	—	8	—
Llangywer	Cwm y Glyn	3	—
	Gwalia	4	—
Mawddwy	Aberangell	3	—
	Dinas Mawddwy	6	—
	Llanymawddwy	2	—
Pennal	—	7	—
Talsarnau	—	10	—
<i>Other communities</i>			
Ffestiniog	Bowydd and Rhiw	5	6
	Conglwal	3	—
	Cynfal and Teigl	3	4
	Diffwys and Maenofferen	4	6
	Tanygrisiau	1	—
Harlech	—	12	15
Llanbedr	—	9	—
Llanegryn	—	7	9

(1) Community	(2) Ward	(3) Number of community councillors	(4) Number of community councillors until fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1987
Llanfrothen	—	8	11
Llangelynin	—	10	—
Llanuwchllyn	—	11	13
Llanycil	—	9	13
Maentwrog	—	9	11
Penrhyndeudraeth	—	12	15
Trawsfynydd	—	12	15
Tywyn	East	2	—
	Morfa	3	—
	West	8	—

\* New wards as from the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1987.

SCHEDULE 2

Article 11

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS

PART I

*Councillors continued in office*

(1) Existing community or community ward	(2) Community or new community ward represented on and after appointed day
<p><i>Communities</i> Bala Barmouth Llanbedr Llandanwg Llanegryn Llanfachreth</p> <p>Llanfair Llanfrothen Llanuwchllyn Llanycil Maentwrog Penrhyndeudraeth Trawsfynydd</p> <p><i>Community wards</i> Bowydd and Rhiw wards of Ffestiniog Conglwal ward of Ffestiniog Cynfal and Teigl wards of Ffestiniog Diffwys and Maenofferen wards of Ffestiniog Llwyngrwl ward of Llangelynnin Aberdyfi ward of Tywyn</p>	<p>Bala Barmouth Llanbedr Harlech Llanegryn Machreth ward of Brithdir and Llanfachreth Llanfair Llanfrothen Llanuwchllyn Llanycil Maentwrog Penrhyndeudraeth Trawsfynydd</p> <p>Bowydd and Rhiw ward of Ffestiniog</p> <p>Conglwal ward of Ffestiniog Cynfal and Teigl ward of Ffestiniog</p> <p>Diffwys and Maenofferen ward of Ffestiniog Llangelynnin Dyfi ward of Aberdovey</p>

PART II

*Offices where, subject to the provision of article 11(5), councillors are to retire at the appointed day*

*Communities*

Councillors of the communities of Brithdir and Islaw'r-dref, Dolgellau, Llandderfel, Llanddwywe-is-y-graig, Llandecwyn, Llanelltyd, Llanenddwyn, Llanfihangel-y-Pennant, Llanfor, Llangower, Llanymawddwy, Mallwyd, Pennal, Talsarnau and Talyllyn.

*Community wards*

Councillors of the Cwmorthin and Ystradau wards of Ffestiniog, both wards of Llanaber, the Arthog ward of Llangelynnin and the Bryncrug, Tywyn Rural and Tywyn Urban wards of Tywyn.

### PART III

*Communities and new community wards where, subject to the provision of article 11(5), elections of all councillors are to be held before the appointed day*

#### *Communities*

Bryn-crug, Corris, Ganllwyd, Llanelltyd, Llanfihangel-y-Pennant, Pennal and Talsarnau.

#### *New community wards*

The Abertafol ward of Aberdovey  
Both wards of Arthog  
The Brithdir ward of Brithdir and Llanfachreth  
All the wards of Dolgellau  
The Llanddwywe and Llanenddwyn wards of Dyffryn Ardudwy  
The Tanygrisiau ward of Ffestiniog  
The Llan y Betws and Llanfor wards of Llandderfel  
The Cwm y Glyn and Gwalia wards of Llanywter  
The Aberangell, Dinas Mawddwy and Llanymawddwy wards of Mawddwy  
All the wards of Tywyn.

Signed by authority of  
the Secretary of State.  
5th June 1984.

*A. J. Beale,*  
An Under Secretary in  
the Welsh Office.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This order continues fourteen communities (two with a change of name) and constitutes sixteen new communities in the District of Meirionnydd and makes minor alterations in the boundary of the district and the County of Gwynedd with the District of Montgomery and the County of Powys.

The fourteen continued communities have community councils. The order establishes a community council for each new community.

The maps bound into this print (which form part of this note) show (a) the existing communities, and (b) the continued and new communities and the transferred areas referred to in article 5(1) and (2) of the order. The map described in (b) also incorporates a grid identifying the sheets of the boundary map referred to in article 4 of the order.

Prints of the boundary map referred to in article 4 of the order may be inspected at the offices of the district councils of Meirionnydd and Montgomery. Prints may be purchased from the Welsh Office's Map Library.

Incidental, consequential, transitional and supplementary provision in consequence of orders of the nature of the present one is contained in the Regulations referred to in article 3 of the order.







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