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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1992 No. 73**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Local Government (Publication of Information About  
Unused and Underused Land) (England) Regulations 1992**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>16th January 1992</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>22nd January 1992</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>12th February 1992</i>

The Secretary of State for the Environment, being of the opinion that it is necessary to make these Regulations in order to ensure that authorities in England to whom section 2 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980(1) applies publish certain information specified in a code of recommended practice issued under that section in the manner, form and on the occasions specified in that code, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 3 of that Act and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, after consultation with such associations of authorities to whom section 2 of that Act applies as appeared to him to be concerned and any such authority with whom consultation appeared to him to be desirable, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Local Government (Publication of Information About Unused and Underused Land) (England) Regulations 1992 and shall come into force on 12th February 1992.

(2) In these Regulations “the Code” means the Code of Recommended Practice for the Publication of Information About Unused and Underused Land Owned by Specified Local Authorities in England, set out in the Annex to the Department of the Environment Circular 18/89, issued by the Secretary of State for the Environment on 9th August 1989 under section 2 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 and published within the United Kingdom by Her Majesty’s Stationery Office.

**2.** Authorities in England to whom the Code applies shall publish the information specified in paragraph 8 of the Code in the manner and form and on the occasions specified in paragraphs 8 and 9 and in the first sentence of paragraph 12 of the Code.

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(1) 1980 c. 65; section 2(1) was amended by the Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51), section 84 and Schedule 14, paragraph 59, and section 102 and Schedule 17.

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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16th January 1992

*Michael Heseltine*  
Secretary of State for the Environment

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations require most local authorities, and certain other authorities, in England to publish the information specified in paragraph 8 of the Code of Recommended Practice for the Publication of Information About Unused and Underused Land Owned by Specified Local Authorities in England in the manner, form and on the occasions specified in the Code. The Code is set out in the Annex to the Department of the Environment Circular 18/89 which is obtainable from Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

The Regulations (read with the Code) require each authority to compile and maintain a register of all unused or underused land in its ownership as at 31st March in each year. The register must contain information about the location of the land and its area, the nature of the legal interest held in the land and any legal constraints on its use, the current use of the land, the purpose for which the land is retained, and the total number of any empty dwellings on the land.

The authority is required, no later than 30th June each year, to make the register available at its principal office for inspection and copying by members of the public at all reasonable hours. The authority is also required, if requested by a member of the public, to make a plan of the land concerned so available.