STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 619

The Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Order 1996

PART II

NON-DOMESTIC RATING

Non-Domestic Rating (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 1989

3. Regulation 1(2) of the Non-Domestic Rating (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 1989(1) shall be amended by the insertion after "section 41" of "or section 41A".

Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Wales) Regulations 1992

4. For the purposes of any calculation, on or after 1st April 1996, of a Welsh billing authority's non-domestic rating contribution for the financial year beginning on 1st April 1996, paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 1 to the Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (Wales) Regulations 1992(**2**) shall apply as if references to 31st December in the immediately preceding year were references to 1st April 1996.

Non-Domestic Rating (Alteration of Lists and Appeals) Regulations 1993

5.—(1) References in regulation 4B of the 1993 Regulations(3) to the next list shall not be taken to include references to a list compiled under section 41A of the 1988 Act(4).

(2) Regulation 18(1) of the 1993 Regulations shall be amended by the deletion of the words" of the Act" and the substitution of the words "or section 41A(10) of the Act, as the case may be".

(3) In this article, "the 1993 Regulations" means the Non-Domestic Rating (Alteration of Lists and Appeals) Regulations 1993(5).

Valuation Officers

6.—(1) The abolition of the old authorities shall not affect the validity of anything done by a valuation officer for an old billing authority before their abolition.

(2) Anything which at 1st April 1996 is in the process of being done by or in relation to a valuation officer for an old billing authority in the exercise of or in connection with any of his functions may be continued by or in relation to the new valuation officer by whom those functions become exercisable.

⁽¹⁾ S.I.1989/1060, amended by S.I. 1989/2303 and 1993/616.

⁽²⁾ S.I. 1992/3238, amended by S.I. 1993/1505;1993/3077; 1994/547;1994/1742;1994/3125 and 1995/3235.

⁽³⁾ Regulation 4B was inserted by S.I. 1995/609.

⁽⁴⁾ Section 41A was inserted by section 37 of the 1994 Act.

⁽⁵⁾ S.I. 1993/291, amended by S.I. 1994/1809, 1995/609 and 1995/623.

(3) Anything done by or in relation to a valuation officer for an old billing authority before 1st April 1996 in the exercise of or in connection with any of his functions shall, so far as is required for continuing its effect on or after that date, have effect as if done by or in relation to the new valuation officer by whom those functions become exercisable.

(4) Paragraph (3) applies in particular to—

- (a) any decision, determination, declaration, designation, compilation, alteration, admission, agreement, record or instrument made by a valuation officer for an old billing authority;
- (b) any permission, consent, approval, authorisation, exemption, dispensation or relaxation granted by or to a valuation officer for an old billing authority;
- (c) any notice, statement, direction, certificate, information or order given by or to a valuation officer for an old billing authority;
- (d) any application, request, proposal or objection made by or to a valuation officer for an old billing authority;
- (e) any condition or requirement imposed by or on a valuation officer for an old billing authority;
- (f) any fee paid by or to a valuation officer for an old billing authority;
- (g) any appeal allowed by or in favour of or against a valuation officer for an old billing authority;
- (h) any proceedings instituted by or against a valuation officer for an old billing authority.

(5) Any reference in this article to anything done by or in relation to a valuation officer for an old billing authority includes a reference to anything which by virtue of any enactment is treated as having been done by or in relation to that valuation officer.

(6) Any references (however framed) to a valuation officer for an old billing authority in any document constituting, or relating to, anything to which the provisions of this article apply shall, so far as is required for giving effect to those provisions, be construed as a reference to the new valuation officer for the new billing authority which is the successor authority.

(7) The provisions of this article are without prejudice to any provision made by or under the 1994 Act in relation to any particular functions and shall not be construed as continuing in force any contract of employment made by any of the old authorities.

(8) In this article—

"alteration" includes reference to an alteration to a list;

"compilation" means the compilation of a list; and

"list" means a local non-domestic rating list maintained under Part III of the 1988 Act; and

"old billing authority", "new billing authority", "valuation officer", and "new valuation officer" have the meanings given in section 41A of the 1988 Act.