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ADRODDIAD GAN Y PWYLLGOR DEDDFAU LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Non-Domestic Rating (Alteration of Lists and Appeals) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001

Background

Where a non-domestic rating valuation list is altered in pursuance of a proposal on grounds of material change of circumstances, the alteration has effect from the day on which the circumstances changed, or the first day of the financial year in which the proposal is served, whichever is the later.

The present regulations amend this so that where -

the alteration is made in pursuance of a proposal served between 31 March and 1 July 2001, and

the circumstances giving rise to the alteration arose between 31 December 2000 and 1 April 2001,

the proposal is to be treated as served on 31 March 2001.

This has been introduced to alleviate hardship caused by restrictions resulting from foot and mouth disease. The effect is that within the qualifying dates specified above, alterations arising from proposals served after the end of the last financial year will have effect from the date on which the altered circumstances arose rather than the later date of 1 April 2001 which would otherwise have been the case.

The regulations have been made under the executive procedure.

Regulations to the same effect are being made in England.

Standing Order 11.5

No points have been identified as matters in respect of which the Committee needs to invite the Assembly to pay special attention.

General Observations

Explanatory Note

In the second paragraph of the Explanatory Note, in both texts, it seems that the reference to the Local Government Act 1988 should be to the Local Government Finance Act 1988. This is a matter which should be corrected when the regulations are printed.

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