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Minister for Finance and Local Government



Ein cyf/Our ref: MA-RE-2061-23

Elin Jones, MS Llywydd Senedd Cymru Cardiff Bay CF99 1SN

27 October 2023

Dear Elin,

## THE NON-DOMESTIC RATING ACT 2023 (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO SECONDARY LEGISLATION) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2023

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, I am notifying you that this statutory instrument has not adhered to the 21-day convention. I attach a copy of the statutory instrument and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum.

This statutory instrument is made under the power provided by section 17(2) of the Non-Domestic Rating Act 2023 ("the 2023 Act").

Sections 1 to 3 and 14 of, and Part 1 of the Schedule to, the 2023 Act were brought into force on Royal Assent and make changes to the Local Government Finance Act 1988 ("the 1988 Act") that give rise to the need for consequential amendments to secondary legislation. Without consequential amendments, numerous provisions within secondary legislation that make references to the 1988 Act would have their effectiveness undermined. In particular, there would be an unintended limitation on the scope of certain non-domestic rating appeals rights for some ratepayers arising from any gap between commencement of relevant sections of the 2023 Act and the coming into force of this statutory instrument. It is, therefore, considered necessary to bring this statutory instrument into force as soon as possible following commencement of the 2023 Act, to ensure the intended policy effect of the relevant secondary legislation is preserved.

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This statutory instrument makes necessary consequential changes to the following secondary legislation:

- the Non-Domestic Rating (Collection and Enforcement) (Local Lists) Regulations 1989
- the Non-Domestic Rating (Collection and Enforcement) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 1990;
- the Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (Wales) Regulations 2017;
- the Non-Domestic Rating (Small Business Relief) (Wales) Order 2017;
- the Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Wales) Regulations 2022; and
- the Non-Domestic Rating (Alteration of Lists and Appeals) (Wales) Regulations 2023.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales and Trefnydd, Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Peredur Owen Griffiths MS, Chair of the Finance Committee, Siwan Davies, Director of Senedd Business, Bethan Davies, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely,

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