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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (Wales) Regulations 1993 (S.I. 1993/252) (“the 1993 Regulations”) provide for the contents of rate demand notices, which are issued by billing authorities (borough and county councils) in Wales, and for the information to be supplied when such notices are served by those authorities.

These Regulations, which apply in relation to Wales, amend the 1993 Regulations by revising the information to be supplied.

These Regulations only apply in relation to rates payable after 31 March 2012.

The Welsh Ministers’ Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations.

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Made 20 February 2012

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23 February 2012

Coming into force 16 March 2012

The Welsh Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by sections 62 and 146(6) of, and paragraphs 1 and 2(2) of Schedule 9 to, the Local Government Finance Act 1988⁽¹⁾ and section 26(3) of the Welsh Language Act 1993⁽²⁾ and now vested in them⁽³⁾.

Title and commencement

1. The title of these Regulations is The Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 and they come into force on 16 March 2012.

(1) 1988 c.41. Paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 9 was amended by paragraph 44(2) and (3) of Schedule 5 to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (c.42). There are other amendments but none is relevant.

(2) 1993 c.38.

(3) The powers of the Secretary of State were transferred, in relation to Wales, to the National Assembly for Wales by the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672). The functions of the National Assembly for Wales were transferred to the Welsh Ministers under paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c.32).

Amendments to the Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (Wales) Regulations 1993

2.—(1) Schedule 2 to the Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (Wales) Regulations 1993⁽¹⁾ is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule, for the sub-paragraph headed “Small Business Rate Relief” substitute—

“Small Business Rate Relief

The Non-Domestic Rating (Small Business Relief) (Wales) Order 2008 makes provision for rates relief for small businesses. Full details including the eligibility criteria, the exceptions, the procedural requirements and the relevant rates reliefs are available from the billing authority.”.

3. In paragraph 1 of Part 2 of the Schedule, for the sub-paragraph headed “Rhyddhad Ardrethi i Fusnesau Bach” substitute—

“Rhyddhad Ardrethi i Fusnesau Bach

Mae Gorchymyn Ardrethu Annomestig (Rhyddhad Ardrethi i Fusnesau Bach) (Cymru) 2008 yn gwneud darpariaeth ar gyfer rhyddhad ardrethi i fusnesau bach. Gellir cael manylion llawn, yn cynnwys meini prawf cymhwysedd, yr eithriadau, y gofynion gweithdrefnol a'r rhyddhad ardrethi perthnasol gan yr awdurdod bilio.”.

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20 February 2012

(1) S.I. 1993/252, amended by S.I. 2008/3075 (W.269), 2010/271 (W.34) and 2010/2582 (W.216) (C.123). There are other amendments but none is relevant.