

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. (W.)**RATING AND VALUATION,
WALES****The Non-Domestic Rating
(Demand Notices) (Amendment)
(Wales) Regulations 2003****EXPLANATORY NOTE***(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

The Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (Wales) Regulations 1993 provide for the contents of rate demand notices which are issued by billing authorities in Wales and for such notices to be accompanied by explanatory information in the appropriate language.

These regulations, made by the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with the powers given to the Secretary of State by paragraphs 1 and 2(2) of Schedule 9 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and section 26(3) of the Welsh Language Act 1993 and now exercisable by it, make amendments to the explanatory information which must be supplied by billing authorities in Wales to reflect the removal of transitional arrangements and changes to the rural rate relief scheme.

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Made 2003

Coming into force 28 February 2003

The National Assembly for Wales makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers given to the Secretary of State by paragraphs 1, 2(2) and 6A(1) of Schedule 9 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988(1) and section 26(3) of the Welsh Language Act 1993(2) which are now vested in the National Assembly for Wales so far as exercisable in Wales(3):

Name and commencement

1. These Regulations are called the Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003 and come into force on 28 February 2003.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations “the principal Regulations” means the Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (Wales) Regulations 1993(4).

Amendment of the principal Regulations

3.—(1) The principal Regulations are amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 for the note headed “Transitional Arrangements” substitute the following –

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- (1) 1988 c.41.
(2) 1993 c.38.
(3) See the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672).
(4) S.I. 1993/252.

““Transitional Arrangements”

Transitional arrangements were in place to phase in the effect of significant changes in liability which arose from the 2000 valuation of non-domestic property. Such transitional arrangements cease to operate from 1 April 2003.”.

(3) In paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 for the note headed “Rural Rate Relief” substitute the following –

““Rural Rate Relief”

From April 2002 occupiers of qualifying businesses with a rateable value of £6,000 or less (£9,000 if the business is a public house or petrol station) appearing in a billing authority’s rural settlement list are entitled to rate relief at 50 per cent of the full rates bill. Billing authorities have discretion to remit all or part of the remaining 50 per cent.

Authorities also have discretion to remit all or part of the rates bills on other property in a settlement on the rural settlement list if the rateable value is £12,000 or less and the authority is satisfied that the property is used for a purpose which benefits the local community.”.

(4) In paragraph 1 of Part II of Schedule 2 for the note headed “Trefniadau trosiannol” substitute the following –

““Trefniadau Trosiannol”

Yr oedd trefniadau trosiannol yn barod i’w cyflwyno fesul cam effaith newidiadau mewn atebolrwydd a gododd o waith prisio 2000 ar eiddo annomestig. Mae’r trefniadau trosiannol hynny yn peidio â bod yn weithredol o 1 Ebrill 2003.”.

(5) In paragraph 1 of Part II of Schedule 2 for the note headed “Rhyddad Gwledig rhag Trethi” substitute the following –

““Rhyddhad Ardrethi Gwledig”

O Ebrill 2002 mae gan feddianwyr busnesau cymwys ac iddynt werth ardrethol o £6,000 neu lai (£9,000 os yw’r busnes yn dafarn neu’n orsaf betrol) ac sy’n ymddangos yn rhestr aneddiadau gwledig awdurdod bilio hawl i ryddhad ardrethi ar gyfradd o 50 y cant o’r bil adrethi cyflawn. Caiff awdurdodau bilio ddewis dileu’r cyfan neu ran o’r 50 y cant sy’n weddill.

Hefyd, caiff awdurdodau ddewis dileu’r cyfan neu ran o’r biliau ardrethi ar eiddo arall mewn anheddiad ar y rhestr aneddiadau gwledig os

yw'r gwerth ardrethol yn £12,000 neu'n llai ac os yw'r awdurdod yn fodlon y defnyddir yr eiddo at ddiben sydd o fudd i'r gymuned leol.”.

Signed on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales under section 66(1) of the Government of Wales Act 1998(5)

Date

The Presiding Officer of the National Assembly

(5) 1998 c.38.