1991 No. 359

HOUSING

Housing (Unoccupied Premises — Continuance of Powers) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made . . . . . 6th August 1991

Coming into operation . . 10th November 1991

To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Articles 2(2)(**a**) and 64 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Housing (Unoccupied Premises — Continuance of Powers) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 10th November 1991.

Continuance of power to secure or demolish unoccupied premises

2. The following provisions of Chapter V of Part III of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 shall continue in force for a period of 2 years from 9th November 1991—

(*a*) Article 59 insofar as it defines "the owner" (in relation to unoccupied premises) and "unoccupied";

(*b*) Articles 63 and 64.

Revocation

3. The Housing (Unoccupied Premises — Continuance of Powers) Order (Northern Ireland) 1989(**c**) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 6th August 1991.

(L.S.) *F. Rodgers*
Assistant Secretary

(a) *See* definition of "the Department"
(b) S.I. 1981/156 (N.I. 3)
(c) S.R. 1989 No. 369

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order continues in force until and including 9th November 1993 some provisions of Chapter V of Part III of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 which empower the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to deal with certain unoccupied premises.

The provisions continued in force are as follows—

(*a*) Article 59 insofar as it defines certain terms used in Article 63;

(*b*) Article 63 which provides that the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, where it is satisfied that action is necessary to protect housing accommodation, may serve a notice on the owner of unoccupied property requiring him to carry out certain works to it or to demolish it. In default the Housing Executive may carry out the works and may charge the owner the cost thereof.

(*c*) Article 64 which enables the Department to make orders for the continuance, cessation or reintroduction of the provisions of Chapter V of Part III of the Order (Article 2).

The Order also revokes the Housing (Unoccupied Premises — Continuance of Powers) Order (Northern Ireland) 1989 which is spent (Article 3).