to be provided by that authority and could not be provided without imposing an unreasonably heavy rate burden or necessitating the charging of unreasonably high rents for that and other housing accommodation provided by that authority.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Housing and Local Government this eighteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

(L.S.)

Duncan Sandys,
Minister of Housing and Local Government.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order abolishes (with exceptions) the exchequer subsidy payable under section 3 (2) of the Housing Subsidies Act, 1956, for houses and flats for general needs provided by, or by arrangement with, local authorities in pursuance of action taken on or after 2nd November, 1956.

The existing exchequer subsidies under section 3 (2) of the Act will remain payable in respect of approved one-bedroomed houses and flats (Article 3 (2) of the Order).

An exchequer subsidy of a nominal amount of one shilling will be payable in respect of approved dwellings which satisfy any of the conditions mentioned in Article 3 (3) of the Order, being conditions which permit of the payment of certain additional subsidies by virtue of sections 4 and 5 of the Act.

HOUSING, SCOTLAND

1956 No. 2124 (S. 105)

The Housing (Rate of Interest on Repaid Improvement Grants) (Scotland) Regulations, 1956

Made - - - -	31*st December,* 1956
Laid before Parliament	14*th January,* 1957
Coming into Operation	28*th January,* 1957

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsection (2) of section 114, subsection (1) of section 115, section 122 and section 173 of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1950(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, and with the consent of the Treasury, I hereby make the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Housing (Rate of Interest on Repaid Improvement Grants) (Scotland) Regulations, 1956, and shall come into operation on the 28th day of January, 1957.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The rate of interest to be taken for the purpose of calculating compound interest on any sum in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (*a*) or (*b*)

(a) 14 Geo. 6. c. 34. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

of subsection (2) of section 114 of the Act, (which prescribes conditions governing improvement grants, and provides for recovery by local authorities of certain sums, with compound interest, where there has been a breach of any such condition or in the event of the voluntary alienation of a dwelling) and subsection (1) of section 115 of the Act (which provides for repayment of improvement grant to release a dwelling which has been the subject of grant from the conditions prescribed in section 114 of the Act) shall be six per cent per annum.

3. The Housing (Rate of Interest on Repaid Improvement Grants) (Scotland) Regulations, 1952(**a**) are hereby revoked.

James Stuart,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.
29th December, 1956.

We consent,

Gerald Wills,
Peter Legh,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

31st December, 1956.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The Housing (Scotland) Act, 1950, contains provisions for the repayment in certain circumstances to a local authority of a proportion of an improvement grant which they have made. The amount payable includes compound interest on the proportion calculated at a prescribed rate and with yearly rests. A rate of interest of 5 per cent. per annum was prescribed in July, 1952. These regulations prescribe a rate of 6 per cent. per annum and revoke the former regulations.

HYDROCARBON OILS

1956 No. 1412

The Hydrocarbon Oil Duties (Drawback) (No. 1) Order, 1956

Made - - - -	11*th September*, 1956
Laid before the House of Commons - -	14*th September*, 1956
Coming into Operation	18*th September*, 1956

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by section two hundred and three and subsection (1) of section three hundred and sixteen of the Customs and Excise Act, 1952(**b**),

(**a**) S.I. 1952/1167 (1952 I, p. 1161). (**b**) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 44.