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STATE SCHEME PREMIUMS— MARKET LEVEL INDICATORS

THE new state pension scheme which started in April 1978, allows contracted-out occupational pension schemes in certain circumstances, to transfer the responsibility or part of the responsibility, for their members' guaranteed minimum pension rights to the state scheme by the payment of premiums.

The premiums concerned are limited revaluation premiums, accrued rights premiums and pensioners' rights premiums. Their amounts are, in part, related to stock market levels at the time they become due and DHSS each month notifies the average market level indicator to be used in their calculation under the State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Regulations 1978 (S.I. 1978 No. 134).

For June 1979 the average market level indicator for accrued rights premiums and limited revaluation premiums is 76. The corresponding average market level indicator for pensioners' rights premiums is 78.

The average market level indicator for ARPs and LRPs shows a decrease of 5 since the previous month. The average market level indicator used for PRPs shows a decrease of 3 since the previous month.

FORESTRY COMMISSION

THE Forestry Commission hereby gives notice that they have made an Order under the Plant Health Act 1967 entitled The Dutch Elm Disease (Local Authorities) (Amendment) Order 1979.

This Order amends the Dutch Elm Disease (Local Authorities) Order 1977 by:—

- (1) adding provisions governing the procedure for serving notices under that Order in the case of a body corporate or partnership, or in cases where the occupier of premises is unknown;
- (2) modifying the effect of Article 9 (Offences) so that, where a notice is served in a case where the occupier of premises is unknown (as now provided for), failure to comply with that notice will not constitute an offence under that Order;

- (3) removing Berkshire, Devon, Dorset, the Isle of Wight, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, West Glamorgan and Wirral from the list of local authorities empowered to take steps under that Order to prevent the spread of Dutch elm disease.

The Order will come into operation on 11th July 1979 and has been published as Statutory Instrument No. 638.

Copies may be purchased at 10p net direct from H.M. Stationery Office, 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh, or from any bookseller.

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FORESTRY COMMISSION

THE Forestry Commission hereby gives notice that they have made an Order under the Plant Health Act 1967 entitled The Dutch Elm Disease (Restriction on Movement of Elms) (Amendment) Order 1979.

This Order amends the Dutch Elm Disease (Restriction on Movement of Elms) Order 1977 by:—

- (1) adding provisions governing the procedure for serving notices under that Order in the case of a body corporate or partnership, or in cases where the owner or person in charge of an elm is unknown;
- (2) modifying the effect of Article 8 (Offences) so that, where a notice is served in a case where the owner or person in charge of an elm is unknown (as now provided for), failure to comply with that notice will not constitute an offence under that Order;
- (3) adding to the list of areas from which the movement of elm is restricted the counties of Nottinghamshire and West Glamorgan, the remaining parts of the county of Leicestershire not previously restricted, the part of the county of Merseyside which comprises the district of Wirral, parts of the counties of Derbyshire and Lincolnshire, the part of the County of Clwyd which comprises the district of Glyndwr and the part of the County of Dyfed which comprises the district of Llanelli.