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PRACTICE DIRECTION NO 3 OF 2003

THE DOCUMENT DUTY ORDINANCE, 2003

1. On 26th March, 2003 the States will be considering the draft Ordinances of the States entitled "The Feudal Dues (General Abolition of Congé) (Guernsey) Law, 2002 (Commencement) Ordinance, 2003", and "The Document Duty Ordinance, 2003".
2. If approved, the Document Duty Ordinance, 2003, will come into force on 1st April, 2003. From that date also it will no longer be necessary to provide a congé slip to the Ordinary Court at the time of the signing by the Court of a conveyance of realty.
3. Section 3 of the Ordinance provides for exemptions from, or reduction of, liability to Document Duty.
4. If any such exemption or reduction is sought in respect of a given conveyance, it will be essential to state clearly on the face of the document the grounds specified in Section 3 which are relied upon.
5. In the case of a conveyance which it is intended shall be assessed under item 1 (a) or (b) of the Schedule it will be necessary to state clearly on the face of the document that the realty is, or includes, "a dwelling" within the meaning of the Ordinance.
6. The text of these draft Ordinances is in the brochure accompanying Billet d'Etat IV of 2003. A copy of each Ordinance as approved will be circulated to each firm after the States meeting.

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