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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 1989 No. 1342

## The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1989

### Introductory

#### Title, citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1989; and this Order may be cited together with the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Acts 1975 to 1988 as the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Acts 1975 to 1989.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), this Order shall come into operation on such day or days as the Head of the Department may by order appoint.

(3) The following provisions of this Order shall come into operation on the twenty-first day after the day on which this Order is made—

- (a) this Article and Article 2;
- (b) Articles 4 to 6, 8, 16 to 22, 29, 30 and 31(3), subject in the case of Article 21 to paragraph (11) of that Article;
- (c) Schedule 2;
- (d) paragraphs 1, 12 and 13 of Schedule 3 (and Article 23 so far as relating to those paragraphs);
- (e) paragraphs 2 to 4, 9 and 14 to 18 of Schedule 6 (and Article 26 so far as relating to those paragraphs);
- (f) paragraphs 1 to 7 and 12 of Schedule 7 (and Article 27 so far as relating to those paragraphs);
- (g) paragraphs 1, 4 to 6, 8 to 12, 16 and 17 of Schedule 8 (and Article 31 so far as relating to those paragraphs);
- (h) the repeals in Schedule 9 to the extent that they are consequential on any provision specified in sub-paragraphs (a) to (g) (and Article 31 so far as relating to those repeals).

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#### Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** Art. 1(2) partly exercised: 25.8.1989 appointed by S.R. 1989/353, art. 2;  
31.1.1990 by S.R. 1990/35, art. 2  
16.3.1990 by S.R. 1990/113, art. 2  
22.6.1994 by S.R. 1994/234, art. 2  
23.8.2007 by {S.R. 2007/362}, art. 2

#### Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954<sup>F1</sup> shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In this Order—

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“Commissioner” has the same meaning as it has in the principal Act;

“the Department” means the Department of Health and Social Services;

*Definitions rep. by 1992 c.9*

“the 1986 Order” means the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986<sup>F2</sup> ;

“the Pensions Order” means the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975<sup>F3</sup>;

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations;

“the principal Act” means the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975<sup>F4</sup>;

“regulations” means regulations made by the Department;

“statutory provision” has the meaning assigned to it by section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954.

(3) In this Order references to Northern Ireland include references to the territorial waters of the United Kingdom adjacent to Northern Ireland.

**F1** 1954 c. 33 (NI)

**F2** 1986 NI 18

**F3** 1975 NI 15

**F4** 1975 c. 15

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- power to am. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 47 s.87](#)