

1977 No. 307 (C. 18)

**SOCIAL SECURITY****The Social Security Pensions (1975 Order)  
(Commencement No. 2) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977***Made* . . . . . 21st October 1977*Coming into operation* . . . . . 6th April 1978

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Article 1(3) and (4) of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(a), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following order:

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Social Security Pensions (1975 Order) (Commencement No. 2) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1978.

(2) In this order “the No. 2 order” means the Social Security Pensions (1975 Order) (Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975(b).

*Variation of the No. 2 Order*

2. After Article 2 of the No. 2 order there shall be inserted the following Article:

*“Saving in connection with Article 20 of the Order*

3. Upon the coming into operation under this order on 6th April 1978 of Article 20 of the Order (rate of unemployment and sickness benefit for persons under pensionable age), the reference in paragraph (2) of that Article to £9·80 (the higher rate of unemployment or sickness benefit for persons under pensionable age provided for in the second column of paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 4 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(c) as originally enacted) shall have effect as if it were a reference to £14·70 (the higher rate of unemployment or sickness benefit for persons under pensionable age provided for in the said second column as amended from 17th November 1977 by the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 1977(d)).”

Dated this 21st day of October 1977.

*Roy Mason*

One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State

(a) S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15)  
(b) S.R. 1975 No. 330 (C. 11) (II, p. 1634)

(c) 1975 c. 15  
(d) S.R. 1977 No. 246

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This order varies the Social Security Pensions (1975 Order) (Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 so as to secure that when Article 20 of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (married women hitherto entitled to lower rate of unemployment and sickness benefit to be entitled to higher rate thereof which becomes the universal standard rate) is brought into operation by the said (Commencement No. 2) Order on 6th April 1978, the higher weekly rate of unemployment and sickness benefit provided for under the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 as amended by the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (£14.70) is not reduced to £9.80 which was the higher weekly rate of those benefits under the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 as originally enacted.