

1978 No. 261

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

Friendly Societies (Limits of Benefits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made 4th September 1978

Coming into operation 30th November 1978

The Registrar of Friendly Societies for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 55(4) of the Friendly Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a) and of every other power enabling him in that behalf and with the consent of the Department(b) of Commerce, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Friendly Societies (Limits of Benefits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 30th November 1978.

Limits of benefits

2. The limits in paragraphs (c) and (d) of section 55(1) of the Friendly Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1970, as increased(c) (which govern the amount which members of registered friendly societies and branches may be entitled to receive under life or endowment business which is not tax exempt), shall be further increased as follows:

- (a) in paragraph (c) (relating to gross sums) the limit of £10,000 shall be increased to £15,000 whether or not the entitlement or any part thereof is under any mortgage protection policy or policies;
- (b) in paragraph (d) (relating to annuities) the limit of £1,000 shall be increased to £1,500.

Dated 4th September 1978.

J. Martin,

Registrar of Friendly Societies

The Department of Commerce hereby consents to the foregoing Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 4th September 1978.

(L.S.)

W. T. McCrory,

Assistant Secretary

(a) 1970 c. 31 (N.I.)

(b) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)

(c) By S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970 No. 345 (p. 1487); S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 505 (II, p. 3001); and S.R. 1976 No. 126 (I, p. 520)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order raises the limits of the amounts which a member of a registered friendly society or branch may be entitled to receive from any one or more of such societies or branches under non-tax exempt business.

The increases are as follows (i) the limit of £10,000 under life or endowment business or under mortgage protection policies is raised to £15,000 whether or not any part of the entitlement is under a mortgage protection policy or policies, and (ii) the limit of £1,000 by way of annuity is raised to £1,500.