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**SOCIAL SECURITY****The Social Security (Periods of Interruption of Employment)  
(Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980***Made* . . . . . 15th August 1980*Coming into operation* . . . . . 14th September 1980

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 7(2) of the Social Security (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1980(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Periods of Interruption of Employment) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980, and shall come into operation on 14th September 1980.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, expressions have the same meanings as in the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(b).

*Periods of interruption of employment*

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3(1) of the Social Security (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1980, in a case where 13th September 1980 is a day of incapacity for work and part of a period of interruption of employment—

- (a) if 15th September 1980 is also a day of incapacity for work, it shall be treated as part of that period of interruption of employment; and
- (b) if 15th and 16th September 1980 are also days of incapacity for work, they shall be treated as part of that period of interruption of employment.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 15th August 1980.

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(a) S.I. 1980/1087 (N.I. 13)

(b) 1975 c. 15

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

Article 3(1) of the Social Security (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1980, which comes into operation on 14th September 1980, amends section 17(1) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975, so that a "period of interruption of employment", instead of being any 2 days of either unemployment or incapacity for work within a period of 6 consecutive days, is to be either (i) any 2 days of unemployment within a period of 6 consecutive days or (ii) any 4 or more consecutive days of incapacity for work. Sundays or such other days as may be prescribed are disregarded for the purpose of reckoning "consecutive days" in this context. These regulations provide that where 13th September 1980 is a day of incapacity for work forming part of a period of interruption of employment, that period of interruption of employment is also to include 15th September, if it is also a day of incapacity, or 15th and 16th September, if they are also days of incapacity.