

1980 No. 355

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980

Made 14th October 1980

Coming into operation 15th December 1980

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 76 and 77 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(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 (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980, and shall come into operation on 15th December 1980.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977(b).

Amendment of the principal regulations and transitional provisions relating to prescription of occupational vitiligo

2.—(1) Part I of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations shall be amended by the addition at the end of the first and second columns thereof, respectively, of the disease specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto and of the occupations set against that disease in the second column of that Schedule.

(2) Where a person, who has been employed on or at any time after 5th July 1948 in employed earner’s employment in any occupation referred to in the second column of the Schedule hereto, is, as the result of occupational vitiligo, either incapable of work or suffering from a loss of faculty on the date on which these regulations come into operation, and the disease is due to the nature of the employment, the provisions of regulation 6 of the principal regulations (date of development) shall be applied subject to the modification that the date on which these regulations come into operation shall be treated as the first day on which he was incapable of work, or, as the case may be, as the day on which he first suffered from the relevant loss of faculty, and the date of development shall be determined accordingly.

Amendment of the principal regulations relating to date of development

3. In regulation 6(3) of the principal regulations, for the expression “Schedule 2” there shall be substituted the expression “Schedules 1 and 2”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 14th October 1980.

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(a) 1975 c. 15

(b) S.R. 1977 No. 272 (II, p. 1478), to which there are amendments not relevant to the subject matter of these regulations

SCHEDULE

<i>Description of disease or injury</i>	<i>Nature of occupation</i>
52. Occupational vitiligo.	Any occupation involving: The use or handling of, or exposure to, para-tertiary-butylphenol, para-tertiary-butylcatechol, para-amylphenol, hydroquinone or the monobenzyl or monobutyl ether of hydroquinone.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations, by making an addition to the diseases prescribed in Part I of Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 ("the principal regulations") extend cover under the industrial injuries provisions of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 to occupational vitiligo (depigmentation of certain areas of the skin) in the case of persons employed in employed earner's employment in occupations involving the use or handling of, or exposure to, para-tertiary-butylphenol, para-tertiary-butylcatechol, para-amylphenol, hydroquinone or the monobenzyl or monobutyl ether of hydroquinone.

The regulations contain transitional provisions relating to persons who are already suffering from the disease on the date on which the regulations come into operation.

They also amend the principal regulations so as to remedy a minor omission from regulation 6(3) (date of development).