

## 1991 No. 414

## SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991**

*Made* . . . . . 5th September 1991

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 26th September 1991

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 76 and 77(2) 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) 1991 and shall come into operation on 26th September 1991.

(2) These regulations shall be read as one with the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986(b), hereinafter referred to as “the principal regulations”.

*Amendment of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations*

2.—(1) Part I of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations (list of prescribed diseases and the occupations for which they are prescribed) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) After the entry relating to the disease numbered B11 (Q fever) there shall be inserted—

(a) in the first column, the following diseases—

“B12. Orf.  
B13. Hydatidosis.”; and

(b) in the second column—

(i) against the disease numbered B12—

“Contact with sheep, goats or with the carcasses of sheep or goats.”; and

(ii) against the disease numbered B13—

“Contact with dogs.”.

(a) 1975 c. 15; section 76(4A) was inserted by paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 6 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/1511 (N.I. 15)). Section 77(2) was amended by Schedule 5 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1982 (S.I. 1982/1084 (N.I. 16)) and Article 5(7) of, and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 6 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1990

(b) S.R. 1986 No. 179; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1986 No. 270 and S.R. 1989 No. 319

(3) In the entry in the first column relating to the disease numbered D7 (occupational asthma) after sub-paragraph (n) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraphs—

- “(o) animals including insects and other arthropods or their larval forms, used for the purposes of pest control or fruit cultivation, or the larval forms of animals used for the purposes of research or education or in laboratories;
- (p) glutaraldehyde;
- (q) persulphate salts or henna;
- (r) crustaceans or fish or products arising from these in the food processing industry;
- (s) reactive dyes;
- (t) soya bean;
- (u) tea dust;
- (v) green coffee bean dust;
- (w) fumes from stainless steel welding;
- (x) any other sensitising agent.”.

*Time at which a person is to be treated as having developed Orf, Hydatidosis or Occupational Asthma due to exposure to certain prescribed agents*

3. The time at which a person shall be treated as having developed prescribed disease B12 or B13, or occupational asthma which is due to exposure to the agents listed in sub-paragraphs (o) to (x) of the entry relating to prescribed disease D7 in Part I of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations, shall be the first day on which that person is incapable of work, or suffering from a loss of faculty as a result of those diseases falling after 25th September 1991.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 5th September 1991.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations which come into operation on 26th September 1991 further amend the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986.

Regulation 2 provides for a further two industrial diseases Orf and Hydatidosis to be added to the diseases prescribed under Chapter V of Part II of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 ("the 1975 Act"). Under the industrial injuries provisions of the 1975 Act, occupational asthma is prescribed as an industrial disease where a person is employed in an occupation involving exposure to any one of a number of sensitising agents. This regulation also makes additions to the list of sensitising agents and includes an "open" category for any other sensitising agent which causes occupational asthma due to exposure in an occupation.

Regulation 3 provides for the time at which a person is to be treated as having developed Orf or Hydatidosis, or occupational asthma which is due to exposure to certain prescribed agents.