
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

This Statutory Rule contains only regulations made by virtue of Articles 5 and 6 of the Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, which came into operation on 8th December 2002. The Statutory Rule is made before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the coming into operation of those provisions. The regulations in it are therefore exempted by section 150(5)(b) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 from the requirement under section 149 of that Act to refer the proposals to make the regulations to the Social Security Advisory Committee and they are made without reference to the Committee.

These Regulations, made under provisions inserted into the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 by the Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, apply Parts XIIZA and XIIZB of that Act, as modified by these Regulations, to adoptions from overseas, which are adoptions of children who enter Northern Ireland from outside the United Kingdom in connection with or for the purposes of adoption which does not involve the placement of a child for adoption under the law of any part of the United Kingdom. The Regulations relating to statutory paternity pay and statutory adoption pay in connection with adoptions from overseas are the Statutory Paternity Pay (Adoption) and Statutory Adoption Pay (Adoptions from Overseas) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 ([S.R. 2003 No. 223](#)).