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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2003 No. 223**

**Statutory Paternity Pay (Adoption) and Statutory Adoption Pay (Adoption from Overseas) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003**

**STATUTORY PATERNITY PAY (ADOPTION)**

**Period of payment of statutory paternity pay (adoption) in respect of adoptions from overseas**

6.—(1) Subject to notice under section 167ZC(1) of the Act, paragraph (2) and regulation 8, a person entitled to statutory paternity pay (adoption) may choose the statutory paternity pay period to begin on –

- (a) the date on which the child enters Northern Ireland or, where the person is at work on that day, the following day;
- (b) a predetermined date, specified by the person, which is later than the date on which the child enters Northern Ireland.

(2) In a case where statutory paternity pay (adoption) is payable in respect of a child where the adopter has received official notification before 9th April 2003, the statutory paternity pay period shall begin on a predetermined date, later than the date of entry, specified by the person entitled to such pay in a notice under section 167ZC(1) of the Act, which is at least 28 days after the date on which that notice was given, unless the person liable to pay statutory paternity pay (adoption) agrees to the period beginning earlier.

(3) A person may choose for statutory paternity pay (adoption) to be paid in respect of a period of a week.

(4) A choice made in accordance with paragraph (1) or a date specified in accordance with paragraph (2) is not irrevocable, but where a person subsequently makes a different choice or specifies a different date in relation to the beginning of the statutory paternity pay period, section 167ZC(1) of the Act shall, subject to paragraph (2), apply to it.