STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2011 No. 113

The Pension Protection Fund (Pension Compensation Sharing and Attachment on Divorce etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011

PART 7

Commutation of periodic compensation

Circumstances in which the portion of compensation to be commuted may exceed 25%

- **26.**—(1) The prescribed circumstances for the purposes of paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 4 (commutation of periodic compensation) are that—
 - (a) the transferee must have attained the age of 60 but not have attained the age of 75 on the date specified in paragraph (4), and
 - (b) the portion to be commuted is a PPF trivial commutation lump sum.
 - (2) A payment is a PPF trivial commutation lump sum if—
 - (a) either—
 - (i) no trivial commutation lump sum or PPF trivial commutation lump sum has previously been paid to the transferee by either a registered pension scheme, or the Board, or
 - (ii) if such a lump sum has previously been paid, the PPF trivial commutation lump sum is paid before the end of the commutation period;
 - (b) on the nominated date the value of the transferee's pension rights and entitlement to PPF compensation does not exceed the commutation limit;
 - (c) it is paid when all or part of the transferee's standard lifetime allowance is available, and
 - (d) it extinguishes the transferee's entitlement to PPF compensation.
- (3) "The commutation period" is the period beginning with the day on which a trivial commutation lump sum or PPF trivial commutation lump sum was first paid to the transferee and ending 12 months after that day.
 - (4) The nominated date is—
 - (a) a date nominated by the transferee which is within the period of 3 months ending with the day on which the transferee proposes to exercise the option to commute, or
 - (b) if no date is nominated by the transferee, a date within that period nominated by the Board.
 - (5) The commutation limit is 1% of the standard lifetime allowance on the nominated date.
 - (6) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(b)—
 - (a) the value of the transferee's pension rights is the aggregate of—

- (i) the value of the transferee's relevant crystallised pension rights (calculated in accordance with paragraph 8 of Schedule 29 to the Finance Act), and
- (ii) the value of the transferee's uncrystallised rights (calculated in accordance with paragraph 9 of Schedule 29 to the Finance Act), and
- (b) the value of the transferee's entitlement to PPF compensation is the aggregate of—
 - (i) any entitlement to lump sum compensation under the pension compensation provisions, and
 - (ii) any entitlement to periodic compensation under the pension compensation provisions.
- (7) For the purposes of paragraph (6)(b)—
 - (a) the value of any entitlement to lump sum compensation is the full amount of lump sum compensation to which the transferee is entitled on the nominated date, and
 - (b) the value of periodic compensation is to be calculated by multiplying the annual periodic compensation to which the transferee [F1 is] entitled on the nominated date by 20.
- (8) In this regulation—

"the Finance Act" means the Finance Act 2004(1);

"registered pension scheme" has the same meaning as in section 150(2) of the Finance Act (meaning of "pension scheme");

"standard lifetime allowance" means the amount specified in the relevant order for the tax year, made under section 218(3) of the Finance Act (individual's lifetime allowance and standard lifetime allowance);

"tax year" has the same meaning [F2 as in section 4(2), (3) and (4) of the Income Tax Act 2007 (income tax an annual tax);]

"trivial commutation lump sum" has the same meaning as in paragraph 7 of Schedule 29 to the Finance Act.

- **F1** Word in reg. 26(7)(b) substituted (30.4.2013) by The Pension Protection Fund and Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/95), regs. 1(2), **10(5)(a)**
- **F2** Words in reg. 26(8) substituted (30.4.2013) by The Pension Protection Fund and Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/95), regs. 1(2), **10(5)(b)**

Commencement Information

II Reg. 26 in operation at 6.4.2011, see reg. 1(1)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Pension Protection Fund (Pension Compensation Sharing and Attachment on Divorce etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011, Section 26.