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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2012 No. 137**

**Pensions Increase (Review) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012**

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In this Order—

“the 1971 Act” means the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(1);

“the 1975 Order” means the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975;

“basic rate” and “derivative pension” have the meanings given by section 15(1) of the 1971 Act (2);

“existing Orders” means the Orders referred to in the Schedule;

“official pension” has the meaning given by section 5(1) of the 1971 Act;

“pension authority” has the meaning given by section 7(1) of the 1971 Act;

“qualifying condition” means one of the conditions laid down in section 3 of the 1971 Act(3);

“relevant injury pension”, “substituted pension” and “widow’s pension” have the meanings given by section 15(1) of the 1971 Act.

(2) For the purpose of this Order the time when a pension “begins” is that stated in section 8(2) of the 1971 Act(4), and the “beginning date” shall be construed accordingly.

(3) Where, for the purposes of this Order, it is necessary to calculate the number of complete months in any period an incomplete month shall be treated as a complete month if it consists of at least 16 days.

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(1) 1971 c. 35 (N.I.)

(2) As amended by S.I. 1974/1267 (N.I. 2) Arts. 3(3) and 5(3)(b), S.I. 1990/1509 (N.I. 13) Art. 3(6) and S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11) Art. 36(1) and (4)

(3) As amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 264, S.I. 1974/1267 (N.I. 2) Art. 5(2) and (3), S.I. 1987/2203 (N.I. 22) Art. 72(3) and Sch. 5 Part I, S.I. 1990/1509 (N.I. 13) Art. 3, S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I. 22) Arts. 163, 168 and Sch. 5 Part IV and S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11) Art. 36(1) and (2)

(4) As amended by S.I. 1990/1509 (N.I. 13) Art. 3(5) and S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11) Art. 36 (1) and (3)