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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2017 No. 37 (C. 4)**

**PENSIONS**

**The Pensions (2015 Act) (Commencement  
No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 2017**

*Made - - - - 8th February 2017*

The Department for Communities<sup>(1)</sup> makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 53(1) of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015<sup>(2)</sup>.

**Citation and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Pensions (2015 Act) (Commencement No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 2017.

(2) In this Order any reference to a numbered section or Schedule is to the section of, or Schedule to, the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 bearing that number.

**Appointed day**

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of—

- (a) section 30(5) (bereavement support payment: contribution condition and amendments) in so far as it relates to paragraphs 20 and 31 of Schedule 16 (bereavement support payment: amendments),
- (b) paragraph 20 of Schedule 16 in so far as it relates to paragraph 31 of Schedule 16;
- (c) paragraph 31 of Schedule 16,

is 9th February 2017.

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(1) See section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5 (N.I.))

(2) 2015 c. 5 (N.I.)

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 8th February 2017

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Communities

**EXPLANATORY NOTE***(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order provides for the coming into operation of certain provisions in Part 5 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (“the Act”). Part 5 of the Act creates a new Bereavement Support Payment for persons whose spouse or civil partner dies after the coming into operation of section 29 of the Act.

Article 2 brings section 30(5), so far as it relates to paragraphs 20 and 31 of Schedule 16 to the Act, into operation on 9th February 2017. These provisions amend the power in section 155 (reciprocal agreements with countries outside the United Kingdom) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c.8) so that it applies to bereavement support payment. The power in section 155 allows the Secretary of State by Order to give effect to social security reciprocal agreements with countries outside the United Kingdom by making provision modifying or adapting domestic legislation as it applies in cases affected by such agreements.

**NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS***(This note is not part of the Order)*

The following provisions of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 have been brought into operation by earlier commencement orders as from the dates shown.

<i>Provision</i>		<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.R. No.</i>
Section 2	(partially)	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
Section 3	(partially)	25th February 2016	2016 No.68 (C. 4)
Section 4	(partially)	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
Section 8	(partially)	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
Section 10	(partially)	25th February 2016	2016 No.68 (C. 4)
Sections 13 to 19	(partially)	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
Section 18	(partially)	25th February 2016	2016 No.68 (C. 4)
Section 20	(partially)	25th February 2016	2016 No.68 (C. 4)
Sections 22 to 25	(partially)	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
Section 23	(partially)	14th September 2015	2015 No. 329 (C. 28)
	(partially)	25th February 2016	2016 No.68 (C. 4)
Section 24	(partially)	14th September 2015	2015 No. 329 (C. 28)
Section 25	(partially)	12th October 2015	2015 No. 329 (C. 28)
Section 27	(partially)	14th September 2015	2015 No. 329 (C. 28)
	(partially)	6th April 2016	2015 No. 329 (C. 28)
Section 32	(partially)	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)

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<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.R. No.</i>
Section 35	1st October 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
Sections 36 to 39	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
Sections 41 and 42	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
Sections 44 and 45	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
Section 47	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
Schedule 8 (partially)	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
Schedule 10 (partially)	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
Schedule 11 (partially)	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
Schedule 12 (partially)	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
(partially)	14th September 2015	2015 No. 329 (C. 28)
(partially)	25th February 2016	2016 No.68 (C. 4)
Schedule 13 (partially)	14th September 2015	2015 No. 329 (C. 28)
Schedule 14	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
Schedule 15 (partially)	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
(partially)	12th October 2015	2015 No. 329 (C. 28)
Schedule 17 (partially)	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
Schedule 18	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)
Schedule 19	16th July 2015	2015 No. 307 (C. 25)