

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Under the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) Act 1979 (c.41) ("the Act") lump sum payments may be made to certain persons disabled by a disease to which the Act applies, or to dependants of persons who were so disabled before they died.

These Regulations amend the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) Regulations 1988 (S.I. 1988/668) ("the Pneumoconiosis Regulations"). Regulation 2(c) of these Regulations substitutes a new Schedule into the Pneumoconiosis Regulations so as to increase amounts payable under it. The increase in each case is 5.2 per cent. rounded up or down to the nearest £1 as appropriate.

The diseases to which the Act applies are pneumoconiosis, byssinosis, diffuse mesothelioma, primary carcinoma of the lung (where accompanied by asbestosis or diffuse pleural thickening) and diffuse pleural thickening.

A full impact assessment has not been published for this instrument as it has no impact on the private sector or civil society organisations.