



2015 CHAPTER 5

PART 7

FINAL PROVISIONS

Regulations and orders

51.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, any orders or regulations made by the Department or the Department of Finance and Personnel under this Act are subject to negative resolution.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an order under section 53(1) or (5).

(3) Orders or regulations (whether alone or with other provisions) to which this subsection applies—

- (a) must be laid before the Assembly after being made; and
- (b) take effect on such date as may be specified in the order or regulations, but (without prejudice to the validity of anything done thereunder or to the making of a new order or regulations) cease to have effect upon the expiration of a period of six months from that date unless at some time before the expiration of that period the order or regulations are approved by a resolution of the Assembly.

(4) Subsection (3) applies to—

- (a) regulations under section 3, 17, 18(3) or (5), 19, 20, 29, 31 or 33,
- (b) the first regulations under section 10,
- (c) an order under section 50 that amends or repeals any relevant statutory provision,
- (d) regulations under Schedule 17,

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- (e) regulations under paragraph 2 of Schedule 18 or regulations under paragraph 7 of that Schedule that amend any relevant statutory provision,^{F1} ...
 - (f) the first regulations under paragraph 1 or 3 of that Schedule^{F2}, or
 - (g) the first regulations under paragraph 1 or 3 of that Schedule that make provision in relation to collective money purchase schemes within the meaning of Part 2 of the Pension Schemes Act 2021 (see section 52 of that Act).]
- (5) In this section “relevant statutory provision” means a statutory provision contained in—
- (a) an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland;
 - (b) an Order in Council under Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974 or the Schedule to the Northern Ireland Act 2000;
 - (c) an Act of the Assembly; or
 - (d) an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom.
- (6) Regulations or orders under this Act may include incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 51(4) omitted (11.2.2021 for specified purposes, 29.4.2022 in so far as not already in operation) by virtue of Pension Schemes Act 2021 (c. 1), s. 131(1)(3)(a), **Sch. 6 para. 24**; S.R. 2022/173, art. 2(c)
- F2** S. 51(4)(g) and word inserted (11.2.2021 for specified purposes, 29.4.2022 in so far as not already in operation) by Pension Schemes Act 2021 (c. 1), s. 131(1)(3)(a), **Sch. 6 para. 24**; S.R. 2022/173, art. 2(c)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) transitional provisions for effects of commencing S.I. 2017/297, art. 2 by [S.R. 2017/58](#) Order