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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980

Made

17th December 1980

Coming into operation

8th January 1981

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 79(3)(d) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations which correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Services in relation to Great Britain and which accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980(b) are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980, and shall come into operation on 8th January 1981.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977(c).

Amendment of regulation 12 of the principal regulations

2.—(1) In paragraph (4) of regulation 12 of the principal regulations (decision disallowing unemployment benefit treated as disallowing claim for period expiring within 12 months) after "disallowed on any grounds" there shall be inserted "other than failure to satisfy contribution conditions".

(2) At the end of the said regulation 12 the following paragraph shall be added-

(5) Where a claim for unemployment benefit is disallowed on the grounds that—

- (a) the contribution condition in paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 3 to the Act is not satisfied; or
- (b) (although that contribution condition is satisfied) neither the contribution condition in paragraph 1(3) of the said Schedule 3, nor the requirements of regulations made under section 33(2) (partial satisfaction of contribution conditions), are satisfied,

the disallowance decision shall, until the grounds for it have ceased to exist and subject to the provisions of section 104 (review of decisions), be treated also as a decision disallowing any claim for unemployment benefit made in respect of a day subsequent to the first day of the period to which the first mentioned claim relates.".

⁽a) 1975 c. 15

⁽b) 1980 c. 30

⁽c) S.R. 1977 No. 351 (II, p. 1824), to which there are amendments not relevant to the subject matter of these regulations

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend regulation 12(4) of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 (disallowance of unemployment benefit treated as disallowance of any further claim for a period expiring within 12 months) by excluding from its scope decisions disallowing unemployment benefit on grounds of failure to satisfy contribution conditions. The regulations add to regulation 12 a new paragraph providing for such a decision to be treated, until the grounds for it cease to exist, as a decision disallowing any claim for unemployment benefit for a subsequent period.

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