## STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

## 2003 No. 223

Statutory Paternity Pay (Adoption) and Statutory Adoption Pay (Adoption from Overseas) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

## STATUTORY ADOPTION PAY

## Avoidance of liability for statutory adoption pay in respect of adoptions from overseas

- **18.**—(1) A former employer shall be liable to make payments of statutory adoption pay to a former employee in any case where the employee had been employed for a continuous period of at least 8 weeks and his contract of service was brought to an end by the former employer solely, or mainly, for the purpose of avoiding liability for statutory adoption pay.
  - (2) In a case falling within paragraph (1)
    - (a) the employee shall be treated as if he had been employed for a continuous period ending with the week in which he received official notification; and
    - (b) his normal weekly earnings shall be calculated by reference to his normal weekly earnings for the period of 8 weeks ending with the last day in respect of which he was paid under his former contract of service.