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SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

Claims and Payments

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH SEPTEMBER 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS & C. ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of powers conferred by section 4 of the Supplementary Benefits & C. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a), as extended by paragraph 2(3)(b) of Schedule 2 to that Act, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations being regulations subject to negative resolution in accordance with section 38(2) of the said Act:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971, shall be read as one with the Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966(c) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on 20th September 1971.

Regulation substituted for regulation 12 of the principal regulations

2. For regulation 12(d) of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following regulation:

"12.—(1) In the application of paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act (negligible and fractional amounts) to any case

(a) in which arrangements have been made for benefit and unemployment benefit under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(e) to be paid together; or

(b) in which arrangements have been made, or will be made as soon as practicable, for benefit and the benefits mentioned in sub-paragraph (3) (hereinafter referred to as "the relevant benefits") to be paid together

sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph shall not apply and for the reference in sub-paragraph (2) to the amount of any benefit there shall be substituted a reference to the aggregate of that amount and the amount of the unemployment benefit or of any one or more of the relevant benefits as the case may be:

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply in any such case being a case in which benefit and any one or more of the relevant benefits were being paid separately immediately before the date from which it would otherwise apply, unless or until the determination with respect to the amount of the benefit is reviewed.

(a) 1966, c. 28 (N.I.).

(b) See reg. 2(2) of S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 327.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 189.

(d) See reg. 2 of S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 88 and reg. 4 of S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 327.

(e) 1966, c. 6 (N.I.).

(2) Where benefit and any one or more of the relevant benefits cease to be paid together to any person to whom paragraph (1) applies (whether by reason of an election by that person or otherwise) that paragraph shall continue to apply in his case as if the condition mentioned in head (b) thereof were satisfied unless or until the determination with respect to the amount of the benefit is reviewed.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation "the relevant benefits" means the following benefits under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966:

- (a) retirement pension;
- (b) age addition;
- (c) attendance allowance."

Regulations revoked

3. The Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 16th day of September 1971.

(L.S.)

C. G. Oakes,
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby consents to these regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 16th day of September 1971.

(L.S.)

C. F. Darling,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966 by substituting for the existing regulation 12 a new regulation which provides that, where arrangements are made for benefit under the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 to be paid together with unemployment benefit, retirement pension, age addition or attendance allowance, the provisions of paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 2 to the Act regarding negligible amounts shall not apply and the provisions of paragraph 2(2) of that Schedule regarding rounding to the nearest 5p shall apply to the aggregated amount of supplementary benefit and unemployment benefit, retirement pension, age addition or attendance allowance as the case may be. The Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 are revoked.