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**2005 No.**

**The Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005**

**PART I**  
**INTRODUCTORY**

**Title and commencement**

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005.
- (2) Subject to paragraphs (3) to (5), the provisions of this Order shall come into operation on such day or days as the Department may by order appoint.
- (3) The following provisions shall come into operation on the expiration of seven days from the day on which this Order is made—
- (a) this Article and Article 2 (other than paragraphs (5) and (6));
  - (b) in Part V, Article 213 (supply of housing benefit information);
  - (c) in Part VI, Article 258 (exemption from statutory revaluation requirement);
  - (d) in Part VIII—
    - (i) Article 272 (persons entitled to more than one Category B retirement pension),
    - (ii) Article 273(3) (commencement of amendments of state pension deferment provisions made by the 1995 Order), and
    - (iii) Article 274 (disclosure of state pension information), except paragraphs (4) and (5) (b);
  - (e) in Part IX (miscellaneous and supplementary)—
    - (i) Articles 277 and 278 (electronic working), and
    - (ii) Articles 285, 287 (other than paragraph (4)), 288 and 289;
  - (f) the repeal by this Order of Article 47(2) of the 1999 Order.
- (4) Article 273 (and Schedule 9 (deferral of retirement pensions and shared additional pensions), other than the provisions coming into operation in accordance with paragraph (3)—
- (a) shall come into operation on the expiration of seven days from the day on which this Order is made so far as is necessary for enabling the making of any regulations for which they provide, and
  - (b) otherwise, shall come into operation on 6th April 2005.
- (5) The repeals by this Order of Article 131(3) of, and paragraph 18(13) and (14) of Schedule 2 to, the 1995 Order shall come into operation on 6th April 2005.
- (6) Without prejudice to Article 287(3), the power to make an order under this Article includes power—
- (a) to make transitional adaptations or modifications—
    - (i) of the provisions brought into operation by the order, or

- (ii) in connection with those provisions, of any provisions of Parts II to VII of this Order, the Pension Schemes Act, the 1995 Order, Parts II, III or V of the 1999 Order or Chapter 2 of Part II of the 2000 Act, or
  - (b) to save the effect of any of the repealed provisions of any of those statutory provisions, or those provisions as adapted or modified by the order,
- as it appears to the Department expedient, including different adaptations or modifications for different periods.