2002 No. 671

PENSIONS

The Pensions (Polish Forces) Scheme (Extension) Order 2002

 Made - - - - - 11th March 2002

 Coming into force - - 27th March 2002

The Secretary of State for Defence, with the consent of the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 1 of the Polish Resettlement Act 1947(a) and now vested in him(b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. This Order, which may be cited as the Pensions (Polish Forces) Scheme (Extension) Order 2002 shall be read as one with the Pensions (Polish Forces) Scheme 1964(c), (hereinafter referred to as "the Scheme") and shall come into force on 27th March 2002.

Extension of the Scheme

2. For the purposes of Article 14(1) of the Scheme (duration of the Scheme) the extended period of five years from and including 27th March 2002 is hereby specified, and accordingly payments under the Scheme shall be limited to such as fall due for payment before 27th March 2007.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Defence.

Lewis Moonie
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Ministry of Defence

8th March 2002 We consent

> Nick Ainger Tony McNulty

11th March 2002

Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

⁽**a**) 1947 c. 19

⁽b) See Transfer of Functions (Ministry of Pensions) Order 1953 (S.I. 1953/1198), article 2; Ministry of Social Security Act 1966 (c. 20) section 2; Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968 (S.I. 1968/1699), article 2; Transfer of Functions (Health & Social Security) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/1843), article 3 and Transfer of Functions (War Pensions etc.) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3506).

⁽c) S.I. 1964/2007, as amended by S.I. 1972/1435 and 1974/1045. The Scheme was extended by S.I. 1967/293, 1972/95, 1981/1876, 1992/317 and 1997/662.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Pension (Polish Forces) Scheme, which makes provision for payment of pensions to former members of the Polish Forces who served under British command during World War II, or in the Polish Resettlement Forces, is of limited duration because it was originally envisaged that the Polish Government would at some time assume responsibility for payment of the pensions. This still remains unlikely and the present Scheme, which expires on 26th March 2002, is extended by this Extension Order for a further period of five years from 27th March 2002 to 26th March 2007.

This Order does not impose any costs on business.



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