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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Occupational Pension Schemes (Transitional Provisions and Savings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990

Made 15th August 1990

Coming into operation 17th August 1990

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 22(3) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1990(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Occupational Pension Schemes (Transitional Provisions and Savings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 and shall come into operation on 17th August 1990.

Payments to employers

2.—(1) This regulation is made in connection with the coming into operation of Article 13(3) to (6) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (which limits the circumstances in which payments may be made to an employer out of the resources of an occupational pension scheme).

(2) Article 13(3) does not apply, in relation to any scheme established before 17th August 1990, to any payment to the employer—

- (a) by way of reimbursement of expenditure properly incurred by the employer in respect of an obligation of the trustees or managers in respect of the scheme;
- (b) by way of interest on, or repayment of, a loan from the employer;
- (c) by way of loan or investment of scheme funds provided it is a loan or investment showing a reasonable commercial return;
- (d) which the trustees or managers are obliged to make under the provisions of a scheme to enable the employer to obtain the discharge by a member of the scheme of some monetary obligation due to the employer which arises out of a criminal, negligent or fraudulent act or omission by the member concerned;

- (e) by way of reimbursement of a payment by the employer of a contributions equivalent premium under Article 44 of the Pensions Order(a) or a limited revaluation premium under Article 47 of that Order(b); or
- (f) where proposals for making the payment were submitted to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for approval and received by them before 17th July 1990.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 15th August 1990.

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Assistant Secretary

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- (a) Article 44 was amended by paragraph 17(1)(a) of Schedule 5 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (S.I. 1985/1209 (N.I. 16)), paragraph 7(1)(e) of Schedule 2 to, and paragraph 12 of Schedule 9 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18))
 - (b) Article 47 was amended by Article 18(7) of the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (S.I. 1977/610 (N.I. 11)), Article 4(8) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8)), paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to, and paragraph 17(1)(c) of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, paragraph 7(1)(h) of Schedule 2 to, and paragraph 8 of Schedule 8 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 and paragraph 8 of Schedule 6 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1342 (N.I. 13)).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations make transitional provisions and savings in connection with the coming into operation of Article 13(3) to (6) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 ("the Order").

Article 13(3) to (6) of the Order limits the circumstances in which payments can be made to an employer out of the resources of an occupational pension scheme. Regulation 2 says that certain kinds of payments may continue to be made even if those circumstances do not exist.

Article 22(3) of the Order, the enabling provision under which these regulations are made, came into operation on 14th August 1990 by virtue of Article 1(4)(b) of the Order.