

## 1990 No. 397

## SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990**

*Made* . . . . . 15th November 1990

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 13th December 1990

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 76 and 77 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 and shall come into operation on 13th December 1990.

(2) In these regulations “the principal regulations” means the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986(b).

*Amendment of the principal regulations*

2.—(1) The principal regulations shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 1(2) (citation, commencement and interpretation) after the definition of “medical board” there shall be inserted the following definition—

“ “metal” for the purposes of the disease numbered A10 in Part I of Schedule 1 to these regulations, does not include stone, concrete, aggregate or similar substances for use in road or railway construction;”.

(3) In regulation 13B(3) (rounding) for “Where a re-assessment” there shall be substituted “Where an assessment or a re-assessment”.

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- (a) 1975 c. 15; section 76(4A) was inserted by paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 6 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/1511 (N.I. 15)). Section 77(2) was amended by Schedule 5 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1982 (S.I. 1982/1084 (N.I. 16)) and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 6 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 and subsections (4) and (5) were inserted by paragraph 13 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18)).
- (b) S.R. 1986 No. 179; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1986 No. 340, S.R. 1987 No. 454 and S.R. 1989 No. 319.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 15th November 1990.

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations which come into operation on 13th December 1990 further amend the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986.

They provide that where the degree of disablement due to industrial deafness is assessed at less than 20 per cent. that percentage shall be disregarded for the purposes of assessing disablement. They also ensure that "metal" for the purposes of sensorineural hearing loss does not include stone, concrete, aggregate or similar substances for use in road or railway construction.