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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2005 No. 149**

**The Pension Protection Fund (Compensation)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005**

**PART 8**

**COMPENSATION CAP MODIFICATIONS**

**Application of compensation cap where compensation becomes payable on different dates**

**20.**—(1) Paragraph 26 of Schedule 6 (compensation cap) applies with the modification specified in paragraph (3) where a person becomes entitled to relevant compensation in respect of a benefit (“benefit A”) and he has previously –

- (a) become entitled to relevant compensation in respect of a benefit or benefits under the scheme or a connected occupational pension scheme, or
- (b) become entitled to one or more lump sums under the scheme or a relevant connected occupational pension scheme.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b), a scheme is a relevant connected occupational pension scheme if it is an eligible scheme for the purposes of Part III of the Order when the person becomes entitled to the relevant compensation in respect of benefit A.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1), paragraph 26 of Schedule 6 shall have effect as if after sub-paragraph (6) there were inserted –

“(6A) Where sub-paragraph (6B) applies, sub-paragraphs (6C) and (6D) apply instead of sub-paragraph (1).

(6B) This sub-paragraph applies if, before the person becomes entitled to relevant compensation in respect of benefit A, he has –

- (a) become entitled to relevant compensation in respect of one or more other benefits under the scheme or a connected occupational pension scheme (“benefit or benefits C”), or
- (b) become entitled to one or more lump sums under the scheme or a relevant connected occupational pension scheme (“sum or sums L”),

and for the purposes of paragraph (b) a scheme is a relevant connected occupational pension scheme if it is an eligible scheme when the person becomes entitled to the relevant compensation in respect of benefit A.

(6C) If the previous aggregate cap percentage is or exceeds 100, no relevant compensation is payable in respect of benefit A.

(6D) If the previous aggregate cap percentage is less than 100 –

- (a) the amount of the compensation in respect of benefit A, and

- (b) the amount of any payments by way of periodic compensation for benefit or benefits C that are payable on or after the assessment date for the relevant compensation in respect of benefit A,

must be restricted in accordance with sub-paragraph (6H).

(6E) For the purposes of this paragraph, “the previous aggregate cap percentage” means the aggregate of –

- (a) the cap percentage for the relevant compensation in the case of each of benefit or benefits C, and
- (b) the cap percentage in the case of each of sum or sums L.

(6F) For the purposes of this paragraph, “the cap percentage”, in the case of any relevant compensation or lump sum, means –

$$(AAV \times 100)/ACC$$

where –

AAV is the appropriate annual value, and

ACC is the appropriate compensation cap.

“the appropriate annual value” means –

- (a) in the case of each of benefit A, benefit or benefits B and benefit or benefits C, the annual value of that benefit at the time when the relevant compensation becomes or, in the case of periodic compensation, first becomes payable, and
- (b) in the case of each of sum or sums L –
- (i) if the person became entitled to that sum on or after 6th April 2005, the annualised value of that sum at the time that sum became payable, and
- (ii) otherwise, the annualised value of that sum on 6th April 2005 (calculated on the assumption that on that date the person was the same age as when he became entitled to that sum);

“the appropriate compensation cap” means –

- (a) in the case of each of benefit A, benefit or benefits B and benefit or benefits C, the compensation cap at the time when the person becomes entitled to relevant compensation in respect of the benefit, and
- (b) in the case of each of sum or sums L –
- (i) if the person became entitled to that sum on or after 6th April 2005, the compensation cap at the time when he became so entitled, and
- (ii) otherwise, the compensation cap on 6th April 2005.

In sub-paragraph (6F) –

(6H) Where sub-paragraph (6D) applies –

- (a) the relevant compensation in respect of benefit A is required to be restricted in accordance with sub-paragraph (3), but taking references in that sub-paragraph to the cap fraction as references to the revised cap fraction, and
- (b) the amount of any payments by way of periodic compensation for benefit or benefits C payable on or after the assessment date for the relevant compensation in respect of benefit A is required to be restricted to the revised cap fraction of the amount that would be payable apart from this sub-paragraph.

(6I) For the purposes of this paragraph, “the revised cap fraction” means –

100/the aggregate cap percentage.

(6J) For the purposes of this paragraph, “the aggregate cap percentage” means the aggregate of –

- (a) the previous aggregate cap percentage,
- (b) the cap percentage for the relevant compensation in the case of benefit A, and
- (c) in a case within sub-paragraph (2)(b)(i), the cap percentage for the relevant compensation in the case of each of benefit or benefits B.”.

### **Disregard of certain small payments in determining PPF compensation cap**

**21.—**(1) For the purposes of paragraph 26 of Schedule 6 (compensation cap), in determining the restriction under that paragraph on the compensation to which a person is entitled in respect of a benefit under a scheme, a lump sum within sub-paragraph (6B)(b) of that paragraph (lump sums to which the person has previously become entitled) is to be disregarded if –

- (a) it is a trivial commutation lump sum or a winding up lump sum for the purposes of Part 1 of Schedule 29 to the Finance Act 2004(1) (see paragraphs 7 and 10 of that Schedule), and
  - (b) its payment does not contravene any trivial commutation restriction that applies in the circumstances in question.
- (2) In this regulation “trivial commutation restriction” means a restriction imposed by –
- (a) regulation 19, 20 or 60 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Contracting-out) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(2),
  - (b) regulation 2 of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Assignment, Forfeiture, Bankruptcy etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(3), or
  - (c) regulation 3(2)(b) of the Pension Sharing (Pension Credit Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000(4).
- (3) Before 6th April 2006 this regulation applies with the modifications in paragraphs (4) and (5).
- (4) For paragraph (1)(a) there shall be substituted –
- “(a) it extinguishes the person’s entitlement to benefits under the scheme,  
(aa) its payment does not contravene Inland Revenue restrictions, and”.
- (5) After paragraph (2) there shall be inserted –
- “(3) For the purposes of this regulation a payment does not contravene Inland Revenue restrictions if –
  - (a) in the case of a scheme that is an approved scheme for the purposes of Chapter I of Part XIV of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988(5) (see section 612(1) of that Act), it is permitted under the scheme rules in accordance with its approval for those purposes, and
  - (b) in the case of a scheme that is a relevant statutory scheme for those purposes (see section 611A of that Act(6)), it is permitted under the regulations or rules governing the scheme as such a scheme.”.

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(1) 2004 c. 12

(2) S.R. 1996 No. 493; regulation 19 was substituted by regulation 2(7) of S.R. 2002 No. 109. Regulation 20 was amended by regulation 2(3) of S.R. 2000 No. 336 and regulation 2(8) of S.R. 2002 No. 109. Regulation 60 was amended by paragraph 5(12) of the Schedule to S.R. 1997 No. 160 and regulation 2(12) of S.R. 2002 No. 109

(3) S.R. 1997 No. 153; regulation 2 was amended by regulation 8 of S.R. 2002 No. 109

(4) S.R. 2000 No. 146, to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations

(5) 1988 c. 1

(6) Section 611A was inserted by paragraph 15 of Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 1989 (c. 26)

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