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**The Occupational Pension Schemes (Investment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005**

Multi-employer schemes

16.—(1) Where a scheme in relation to which there is more than one employer is divided into two or more sections and the provisions of the scheme are such that—

- (a) different sections of the scheme apply to different employers or groups of employers (whether or not more than one section applies to any particular employer or groups including any particular employer);
- (b) contributions payable to the scheme by an employer, or by a member in employment under that employer, are allocated to that employer's section (or, if more than one section applies to the employer, to the section which is appropriate in respect of the employment in question), and
- (c) a specified part or proportion of the assets of the scheme is attributable to each section and cannot be used for the purposes of any other section,

then regulations 10 to 15 shall apply as if each section of the scheme were a separate scheme.

(2) Where—

- (a) a scheme which has been such a scheme as is mentioned in paragraph (1) is divided into two or more sections some or all of which apply only to members who are not in pensionable service under the section, and
- (b) the provisions of the scheme have not been amended so as to prevent the conditions mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) to (c) being satisfied in relation to two or more sections, but
- (c) those conditions have ceased to be satisfied in relation to one or more sections (whether before or after 6th April 1997) by reason only of there being no members in pensionable service under the section and no contributions which are to be allocated to it,

then regulations 10 to 15 shall apply as if the section in relation to which those conditions have ceased to be satisfied were a separate scheme.

(3) For the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2), there shall be disregarded any provisions of the scheme by virtue of which contributions or transfers of assets may be made to make provision for death benefits; and where paragraph (1) or (2) applies and contributions or transfers are so made to a section ("the death benefits section") the assets of which may only be applied for the provision of death benefits, the death benefits section shall also be treated as if it were a separate scheme for the purposes of regulations 10 to 15.

(4) For the purposes of paragraphs (1) to (3), there shall be disregarded any provisions of the scheme by virtue of which on the winding up of the scheme assets attributable to one section may be used for the purposes of another section.

(5) Where there is more than one employer in relation to a scheme (other than a scheme to which paragraph (1) or (2) applies), and at least two of those employers are persons who are neither a company nor a person connected with that company nor associates of each other—

- (a) in regulation 12(2)(a) for “employer-related investments” there shall be substituted “investments which are employer-related investments in relation to a particular employer, and employer-related investments overall must not exceed a prudent level and in any event must not exceed 20 per cent. of the current market value of the scheme”, and
- (b) for regulation 14(4) there shall be substituted—
 - “(4) There shall be no new investment in employer-related investments while—
 - (a) the resources of a scheme retained in investments which are employer-related investments in relation to a particular employer (other than investments authorised by regulation 13) exceed 5 per cent. of the current market value of the resources of the scheme, or
 - (b) more than 20 per cent overall of the current market value of the resources of the scheme is retained under this regulation in employer-related investments.”.