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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order increases, from 15th February 2009, the limits applying to certain awards of industrial tribunals, and other amounts payable under employment legislation, as specified in the Schedule to the Order.

Under Article 33 of the Employment Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1999, if the retail prices index for September of a year is higher (or lower) than the index for the previous September, the Department is required to change the limits, by Order, by the amounts of the increase (or decrease). The increases made by this Order reflect the increase in the index from September 2007 to September 2008.

The increases apply where the event giving rise to the entitlement to compensation or other payments occurs on or after 15th February 2009. Limits previously in operation under the Employment Rights (Increase of Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008 ([S.R. 2008 No. 47](#)) are preserved by Article 4 of the Order in relation to cases where the relevant event was before that date.

An impact assessment is not required because the 1999 Order provides for indexation according to a pre-determined formula (i.e. RPI).