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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order makes provision for the modification of certain social security legislation, so as to give effect to the Convention on Social Security Coordination between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Swiss Confederation, signed at London on 9th September 2021 (“the Convention”).

It also varies the Family Allowances, National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Switzerland) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969 in accordance with Article 77 of the Convention.

This Order has effect from the date on which the Convention is provisionally applied in accordance with Article 73 of the Convention, or, if not provisionally applied, from the date on which the Convention enters into force in accordance with Article 72. Article 72 of the Convention provides that the Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the date of receipt of the later of the States’ written notifications that they have complied with all statutory and constitutional requirements for the entry into force of the Convention. Article 73 provides that, pending entry into force of the Convention, the States may agree to provisionally apply the Convention by an exchange of notes through diplomatic channels. Provisional application of the Convention shall take effect on the day following the later of the States’ notes.

This Order does not impose any costs on business, charities or the voluntary sector. A Tax Information and Impact Note has not been prepared for this instrument as it gives effect to previously announced policy.