



Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 8

PART XIII

SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS OUTSIDE NORTHERN IRELAND

Reciprocity

[^{F1}155A Exchange of information with overseas authorities

- (1) This section applies where it appears to the Department—
 - (a) that there are arrangements in force for the exchange of relevant information between the Department and any authorities in a country outside the United Kingdom ('the overseas country'); and
 - (b) that the arrangements and the law in force in the overseas country are such as to ensure that there are adequate safeguards in place against any improper use of information disclosed by the Department under this section
- (2) For the purpose of facilitating the carrying out by authorities in the overseas country of any function relating to anything corresponding to, or in the nature of, a social security benefit, the Department may make any such disclosure of relevant information to authorities in the overseas country as the Department considers necessary to give effect to the arrangements.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the Department to take all such steps as may be reasonable for securing that relevant information disclosed to it in accordance with the arrangements is not used for any purpose in which its use is not expressly or impliedly authorised by or under the arrangements.
- (4) This section does not apply where provision is in force under section 155 above for giving effect to the arrangements in question.

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- (5) The purposes for which information may be required to be disclosed to the Department under section 116D above or section 122D of the Great Britain Administration Act (information required from authorities administering housing benefit or council tax benefit) shall be deemed to include the further disclosure of that information in accordance with this section.
- (6) In this section 'relevant information' means any information held by the Department or any authorities in a country outside the United Kingdom for the purposes of any functions relating to, or to anything corresponding to or in the nature of, a social security benefit.]

Textual Amendments

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