



# Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

## 1992 CHAPTER 8

### PART XIV

#### MISCELLANEOUS

*[<sup>F1</sup> Redirection of post]*

#### **[158A Return of social security post.**

- (1) A social security authority may require [<sup>F1</sup>a postal operator (within the meaning of the Postal Services Act 2000)] to return to the sender social security post sent by or on behalf of the authority which would otherwise be redirected.
- (2) A social security authority shall make payments of such amount as the Department considers reasonable in respect of the return of social security post in compliance with a requirement imposed by the authority under subsection (1) above.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2) above “social security authority” means—
  - (a) the Department;
  - (b) the Housing Executive;
  - (c) the Secretary of State; or
  - (d) any local or other authority administering housing benefit or council tax benefit (other than the Housing Executive).
- (4) In subsections (1) and (2) above “social security post” means postal packets—
  - (a) the contents of which relate to any benefit, contributions or national insurance number or to any other matter relating to social security; and
  - (b) which are marked, in a manner approved by the [<sup>F2</sup>postal operator concerned], with the name and address of the sender and with an indication that they are to be returned rather than redirected.

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(5) In this section—

- (a) “redirected”, in relation to any postal packet, means delivered to an address other than that indicated by the sender on the packet; and
- (b) “postal packet” has the same meaning as in the [<sup>F3</sup>Postal Services Act 2000].

(6) Any requirement imposed under subsection (1) above has effect subject to any order under—

- (a) Article 342 of the <sup>M1</sup>Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 or section 371 of the <sup>M2</sup>Insolvency Act 1986 (redirection of bankrupt’s letters to trustee in bankruptcy);
- (b) paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 to the <sup>M3</sup>Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 or paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to the <sup>M4</sup>Solicitors Act 1974 (redirection of letters following intervention by Law Society); or
- (c) paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to the <sup>M5</sup>Administration of Justice Act 1985 (redirection of letters following intervention by Council for Licensed Conveyancers).]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 158A(1) substituted (26.3.2001) by S.I. 2001/1149, art. 3(1), **Sch. para. 94(2)(a)**
- F2** Words in s. 158A(4)(b) substituted (26.3.2001) by S.I. 2001/1149, art. 3(1), **Sch. para. 94(2)(b)**
- F3** Words in s. 158A(5)(b) substituted (26.3.2001) by S.I. 2001/1149, art. 3(1), **Sch. para. 94(2)(c)**

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 158A restricted (5.10.1999) by 1999 c. 10, ss. 2(3), 20(2), **Sch. 2 Pt. IV para. 16**

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** S.I. 1989/2405 (N.I.19).
- M2** 1986 c. 45.
- M3** S.I. 1976/582 (N.I.12).
- M4** 1974 c. 47.
- M5** 1985 c. 61.

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