STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Contributions) Amendment Regulations 1979

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The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 4(7) and 134(6) of the Social Security Act 1975(a) as amended by section 14 of the Social Security Act 1979(b), and paragraph 4(a) of Schedule 1 to the first mentioned Act hereby makes the following regulations which by virtue of section 17 of the last mentioned Act are not subject to the requirements of section 139 of the Social Security Act 1975 for prior reference to the National Insurance Advisory Committee.

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. These regulations which may be cited as the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment Regulations 1979 shall be read as one with the Social Security (Contributions) Regulations 1975(c) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on 6th April 1979.

Insertion of new regulation 126A in the principal regulations

- **2.** After regulation 126 of the principal regulations there shall be inserted the following regulation:—
 - "Reduction of rate of secondary Class 1 contributions payable in respect of registered dock workers
 - 126A.—(1) Where a secondary Class 1 contribution is payable in respect of earnings paid to or for the benefit of a registered dock worker to whom section 81 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978(d) does not apply by virtue of section 145 thereof, the percentage rate of the secondary Class 1 contribution specified in section 4(6)(b) of the Act shall be reduced by 0·2.
 - (2) For the purpose of the calculation of the secondary Class 1 contributions payable at a rate reduced in accordance with the provisions of the last preceding paragraph, the provisions of regulation 7(1) of these regulations shall apply.
 - (3) In the alternative, the contributions specified in the last preceding paragraph may be calculated in accordance with the appropriate scale prepared by the Secretary of State and in that case regulation 7(2), (3), (4) and (5) of these regulations shall apply.

(d) 1978 c. 44.

⁽a) 1975 c. 14. (b) 1979 c. 13.

⁽c) S.I. 1975/492; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1975/1855, 1977/1755.

- (4) Where a secondary Class 1 contribution has been paid at the percentage rate reduced in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) of this regulation, section 134 of the Act (destination of contributions and Treasury supplements) shall, in the case of that contribution, be modified as follows—
 - (a) subsection (4) shall apply as if there were a corresponding reduction in "the appropriate employment protection allocation"; and
 - (b) subsection 5(b) shall apply as if, instead of the words following the words "shall be paid by the Secretary of State into" there were the words "the Maternity Pay Fund".

26th March 1979.

David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Social Security (Contributions) Regulations 1975. They reduce the percentage rate of secondary Class I contributions payable in respect of registered dock workers in respect of whom the provisions of section 81 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 (redundancy payments) do not apply. They also modify the provisions of section 134 of the Social Security Act 1975 (destination of contributions) by providing for a corresponding reduction in the employment protection allocation.

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