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**1981 No. 1102**

**IRON AND STEEL**

**The European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees  
Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme) (Amendment)**

**Regulations 1981**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	30th July 1981
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Whereas the Commission of the European Communities have agreed to provide non-repayable aid towards the payment to or for the benefit of workers in the steel industry in the United Kingdom of such allowances and other payments as are provided for in Article 56(2) of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community signed at Paris on 18th April 1951(a), the provision of which aid is conditional upon payment by the Government of the United Kingdom of a contribution to those payments of not less than the amount of that aid:

Now therefore the Secretary of State, being the designated Minister under the European Communities (Designation) Order 1972(b), in exercise of his powers under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(c), hereby makes the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation on 24th August 1981.

2. The Scheme set out in Schedule 1 to the European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme) Regulations 1979(d) is hereby further amended by the addition after paragraph (b) of the proviso to Article 7(4) of the following:—

“and

(c) in calculating the rate of unemployment benefit to which a person is, or would be, entitled for the first week after the relevant date, any

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(a) Article 56(2) is set out in O.J.No. 33, 16.5.60, p. 781/60.

(b) S.I. 1972/1811. (c) 1972 c. 68.

(d) S.I. 1979/954; these regulations were amended by S.I. 1980/1912.

abatement under section 5 (abatement of unemployment benefit on account of payments of occupational pension) of the Social Security (No. 2) Act 1980(a) shall, in a case where that date falls after 23rd August 1981, be disregarded.”.

*Michael Marshall,*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
Department of Industry.

30th July 1981.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the regulations.)*

These regulations further amend the European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme) Regulations 1979, which set out a scheme providing for the payment of benefits to certain steel workers who are made redundant or transferred to new work at lower rates of pay as a result of events which come within the terms of Article 56(2) of the ECSC Treaty.

Under Article 7 of that Scheme, unemployed steel workers aged over 55 but under 65, or in the case of women over 50 but under 60, may, instead of accepting weekly payments under Article 5 (payments to unemployed men of 55 or over and women of 50 or over) or Article 6 (payments to unemployed married women), request the Secretary of State to agree to pay into the pension fund of the steel company by which they were formerly employed a capital sum for the purchase of additional benefits, or, if no suitable fund exists for that purpose, to apply that sum to the purchase of an annuity.

The capital sum in question is to be calculated, in accordance with Article 7(4) of the Scheme, as a percentage of previous earnings less twenty-four weeks unemployment benefit at the rate applicable to the person concerned in the week immediately following that person's redundancy or transfer. The present regulations amend Article 7(4) by providing that any abatement in that rate of unemployment benefit required by section 5 of the Social Security (No. 2) Act 1980 on account of payments by way of occupational pension is to be disregarded in calculating the capital sum.

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(a) 1980 c. 39.



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