STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 557

PENSIONS

The Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) (Amendment) Order 2016

Made - - - -	*3rd May 2016*
Laid before Parliament	*6th May 2016*
Coming into force - -	*31st May 2016*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(2) of the Armed Forces (Pensions and Compensation) Act 2004(**1**), makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) (Amendment) Order 2016 and comes into force on 31st May 2016.

(2) In this Order "the principal Order" means the Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) Order 2011(**2**).

Amendment to article 5 (descriptor, further interpretative provisions) of the principal Order

2. In article 5 (descriptor, further interpretative provisions) of the principal Order after paragraph (7) insert—

> "(8) The term "operative treatment" means surgical intervention intended to investigate or treat but excludes insertion of sutures under local anaesthetic, acupuncture, facet or other joint injection or minor dental procedure."

Amendment to Table 2 (injury, wounds and scarring) of Schedule 3 to the principal Order

3. Table 2 (injury, wounds and scarring) of Schedule 3 to the principal Order is amended as follows—

(a) before item 1 insert—

(**1**) 2004 c.32.
(**2**) S.I. 2011/517 as amended by relevant instruments S.I. 2011/2552, S.I. 2012/1573, S.I. 2014/412 and S.I. 2015/413.