STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2022 No. 84

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022

Made - - - -	*7th March 2022*
Coming into operation	*28th March 2022*

The Department for Communities makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 108(1) and (2), 109(2) and (3)(a) and 171(1) and (3) to (5) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**) and now vested in it(**2**).

It is satisfied of the matters referred in section 108(2) of that Act.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022 and shall come into operation on 28th March 2022.

Amendment of the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations

2.—(1) The Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986(**3**) are amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) In Part 1 of Schedule 1 (list of prescribed diseases and the occupations for which they are prescribed), at entry A15(**4**) substitute—

"A15.	Dupuytren's contracture of the hand involving— (i) fixed flexion deformity of one or more metacarpophalangeal joints	Any occupation involving the use of hand-held powered tools whose internal parts vibrate so as to transmit that vibration to the hand (but excluding those tools which are solely powered by hand) where—

(**1**) 1992 c. 7; section 108(1) was amended by Article 70(1)(c) of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.1)), section 109(2) was amended by paragraph 47 of Schedule 6 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/1506 (N.I.10)) and section 171(1) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21)

(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481 and section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5 (N.I))

(**3**) S.R. 1986 No. 179; relevant amending Regulation S.R. 2019 No. 204

(**4**) Prescribed disease A15 was added by regulation 2(3) of S.R. 2019 No. 204