STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2020 No. 32

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Statutory Sick Pay (General) (Coronavirus Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020

Made - - - -	*12th March 2020*
Coming into operation	*13th March 2020*

The Department for Communities [F1] makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 147(4), 149(6) and 171(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 [F2] and now vested in it [F3].

F1 The Department for Social Development was renamed the Department for Communities in accordance with section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.5 (N.I.))

F2 1992 c. 7; section 171(1) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21)

F3 Functions previously discharged by the Department of Health and Social Services were transferred the Department for Social Development in accordance with Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481and section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.5 (N.I.))

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Statutory Sick Pay (General) (Coronavirus Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 and shall come into operation on 13th March 2020.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 [F4] shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

F4 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

Commencement Information

I1 Reg. 1 in operation at 13.3.2020, see **reg. 1(1)**

Amendment of the Statutory Sick Pay (General) Regulations

2.—(1) The Statutory Sick Pay (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 [F5] are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(persons deemed incapable of work) —

(a) in paragraph (1), in the introductory words, omit "either";

(b) at the end of paragraph (1)(a), omit "or";

(c) after paragraph (1)(b) [F6] insert—

" ; or

(c) he is—

(i) isolating himself, from other people in such a manner as to prevent infection or contamination with coronavirus disease, in accordance with guidance published by the Regional Agency for Public Health and Social Well-being [F7] and effective on 12th March 2020; and

(ii) by reason of that isolation is unable to work..".

(3) After paragraph (2) insert—

"(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(c)—

"coronavirus disease" means COVID-19.".

F5 S.R. 1982 No. 263; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2006 No. 142 and S.R. 2012 No. 121

F6 Sub-paragraph (b) was substituted by regulation 2 of S.R. 2006 No. 142 and amended by regulation 11 of S.R. 2012 No. 121

F7 Established under the Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 c.1 (N.I.)

Commencement Information

I2 Reg. 2 in operation at 13.3.2020, see **reg. 1(1)**

Expiry

[F8]**3.** . . . . . .

F8 Reg. 3 omitted (28.3.2020) by virtue of The Statutory Sick Pay (Coronavirus) (Suspension of Waiting Days and General Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/54), regs. 1, **4**

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 12th March 2020

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