STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 99

PENSIONS

The Pensions (2015 Act) (Pension Sharing on Divorce etc.) (Transitional Provision) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

Made - - - -	*3rd March 2016*
Coming into operation	*6th April 2016*

The Department for Social Development makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 53(5) of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015(**1**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Pensions (2015 Act) (Pension Sharing on Divorce etc.) (Transitional Provision) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 and shall come into operation on 6th April 2016.

(2) For the purposes of this Order, a petition or application is issued on the date entered on the petition or application form by a member of the court staff.

Transitional provision in connection with the coming into operation of amendments to pension sharing on divorce etc.

2.—(1) This Order applies in a case where Article 46A of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999(**2**) (creation of debits and credits: transferor in new state pension system and sharing activated on or after 6 April 2016) would otherwise apply and either—

(a) the petition for divorce or nullity of a marriage was issued before 6th April 2016;

(b) the application for dissolution or annulment of a civil partnership was issued before 6th April 2016; or

(c) in the case of the application for financial relief after overseas divorce or nullity of a marriage or overseas dissolution or annulment of a civil partnership, the application for permission of the court for financial relief was issued before 6th April 2016.

(2) In a case where this Order applies—

(**1**) 2015 (c. 5 (N.I.))
(**2**) S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11); Article 46A is inserted by paragraph 12 of Schedule 11 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015