STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2005 No. 145

SEX DISCRIMINATION

Equal Pay Act 1970 (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

Made - - - -	*21st March 2005*
Coming into operation	*3rd April 2005*

The Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister, being a Department designated for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**1**) in relation to discrimination(**2**), in exercise of the powers conferred by that section, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement, interpretation and application

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Equal Pay Act 1970 (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and shall come into operation on 3rd April 2005.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(3) These Regulations apply to proceedings instituted on or after 3rd April 2005.

(4) Paragraphs (2), (3) and (6) of regulation 2 also apply to proceedings instituted before 3rd April 2005 if before that date an industrial tribunal in proceedings before it has not required a member of the panel of independent experts (within the meaning of subsection (4) of section 2A of the Equal Pay Act (Northern Ireland)1970(**4**) to prepare a report under subsection (1)(b) of that section.

Amendments to section 2A of the Equal Pay Act (Northern Ireland) 1970

2.—(1) Section 2A of the Equal Pay Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1) -–

(a) in paragraph (b), omit the words from the beginning to “so mentioned,”; and

(b) omit the words from “and, if it requires” to the end.

(**1**) 1978 c. 68
(**2**) *See* the European Communities (Designation) (No. 3) Order 2002 (S.I.2002/1819)
(**3**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**4**) 1970 c. 32. Section 2A was inserted into the Act by the Equal Pay (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. 1984 No. 16), regulation 3(1). It has been amended by the Equal Pay (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R. 1996 No. 465), regulation 2