STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 133 (C. 5)

PENSIONS; SOCIAL SECURITY; FAMILY LAW

The Welfare Reform and Pensions (1999 Order) (Commencement No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000

Made - - - - 17th April 2000

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 1(2) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999(**1**), and now vested in it(**2**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Welfare Reform and Pensions (1999 Order) (Commencement No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000.

(2) In this Order, "the Order" means the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 and any reference to a numbered Article or Schedule is to the Article of, or Schedule to, the Order.

Appointed days

2.—(1) The day appointed for the coming into operation of paragraph 60 of Schedule 9 (deregulation and contracting out) is 18th April 2000.

(2) The day appointed for the coming into operation of Article 66 (child benefit: claimant to state national insurance number)—

(a) for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations, is 18th April 2000, and

(b) for all other purposes, is 15th May 2000.

(3) The day appointed for the coming into operation of—

(a) the provisions of the Order specified in Part I of the Schedule—

(i) for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations, is 24th April 2000, and

(ii) for all other purposes, is 9th April 2001;

(b) the provisions of the Order specified in Part II of the Schedule, in so far as not already in operation, is 25th April 2000;

(**1**) S.I.1999/3147 (N.I. 11)
(**2**) *See* Article 8(*b*) of S.R. 1999 No. 481

(c) the provisions of the Order specified in Part III of the Schedule, in so far as not already in operation, is 1st October 2000;

(d) the provisions of the Order specified in Part IV of the Schedule, in so far as not already in operation, is 1st December 2000, and

(e) the provisions of the Order specified in Part V of the Schedule, in so far as not already in operation, is 8th October 2001.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 17th April 2000.

John O'Neill
Senior Officer of the
Department for Social Development

SCHEDULE Article 2(3)

Part I

Provisions coming into operation on 24th April 2000 for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations and 9th April 2001 for all other purposes

Provisions of the Order	*Subject Matter*
Article 51	bereavement payments
Article 52	new allowances for bereaved spouses
Article 53	entitlement to Category B retirement pension by reference to new allowances
Part I of Schedule 8, and Article 67 in so far as it relates to that Part	minor and consequential amendments— bereavement benefits
The following repeals in Part V of Schedule 10 and Article 76 in so far as it relates to them—	repeals— benefits: miscellaneous
the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**3**), section 20(1)(*e*)(i)	description of contributory benefits— widow's payment
the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998(**4**), in Schedule 6, paragraph 59	late claims for widowhood benefit

Part II

Provisions coming into operation on 25th April 2000

Provisions of the Order	*Subject Matter*
The following paragraphs of Schedule 2 and Article 17 in so far as it relates to them—	pensions: miscellaneous amendments—
paragraph 2	inclusion of self-employed in personal pension scheme
paragraph 3	revaluation of earnings factors
paragraph 6	payment of contributions by the Department for Social Development
paragraphs 7 to 9	supervision by the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority
paragraph 10	institutions who may hold deposits
paragraph 11	annual increase in pension
paragraph 13	improper treatment of excess assets

(**3**) 1992 c. 7
(**4**) S.I. 1998/1506 (N.I. 10)