STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 479

PENSIONS

The Judicial Pensions (Requisite Surviving Spouses' Benefits etc) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997

Made - - - -	*4th November 1997*
To be laid before Parliament	
Coming into operation	*1st December 1997*

The Lord Chancellor, as the appropriate authority designated by the Treasury for the purposes of Article 72 of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**1**) as having responsibility for judicial pension schemes , in exercise of the powers conferred on him by that Article, hereby makes the following Order—

Title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Judicial Pensions (Requisite Surviving Spouses' Benefits etc) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1997.

Interpretation

2. In this Order —

"judicial pension scheme" means a public service pension scheme under which pensions and other benefits are payable in respect of service in one or more qualifying judicial offices (whether or not in respect of service in such offices alone);

"qualifying judicial office" means a judicial office listed in Schedule 1 to the Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993(**2**) whose jurisdiction is exercised in Northern Ireland.

Entitlement of surviving spouse to a pension

3. Subject to Article 4, in any case—

(a) where a member of a judicial pension scheme dies leaving a surviving spouse; and

(**1**) S.I.1995/3213 (N.I. 22); Article 72 provides that an Order under Article 72 shall be made by the "appropriate authority" which, by virtue of Article 72(2), shall be the Minister of the Crown of government department designated by the Treasury or the Department of Finance and Personnel as having responsibility for the pensions scheme in question

(**2**) 1993 c. 8