STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 7

PENSIONS

The Occupational Pension Schemes (Contracting-out) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Made - - - -	*14th January 1997*
Coming into operation	*6th April 1997*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 3(1) and 7(5) of the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993(**1**) and Articles 1(5)(*a*) and 166(4) of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**2**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Occupational Pension Schemes (Contracting-out) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1997.

(2) In these Regulations—

"the principal Regulations" means the Occupational Pension Schemes (Contracting-out) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**3**);

"the transitional period" means the period from 1st January 1997 until 5th April 1997 (both dates inclusive).

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**4**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Assembly.

Notices by employers of intended election during the transitional period

2.—(1) Paragraph (2) shall apply in a case where, during the transitional period, an employer gives notice of intention to make an election with a view to the issue of a contracting-out certificate with effect from and including 6th April 1997 or such later date as the notice may specify.

(**1**) 1993 c. 49; section 3(1) was amended by paragraph 15(*a*) of, and section 7(5) was amended by paragraph 14 of, Schedule 3 to the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I.1995/3213 (N.I. 22))
(**2**) S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I. 22)
(**3**) S.R. 1996 No. 493
(**4**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)