STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 207

PENSIONS

The Personal and Occupational Pension Schemes (Pensions Ombudsman) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - -	*20th May 1996*
Coming into operation	*1st July 1996*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 142(4)(*b*) of the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993(**1**) 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 Personal and Occupational Pension Schemes (Pensions Ombudsman) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1996.

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

Amendment of the Personal and Occupational Pension Schemes (Pensions Ombudsman) Regulations

2. After regulation 2 of the Personal and Occupational Pension Schemes (Pensions Ombudsman) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991(**3**), there shall be inserted the following regulation—

"**Extension of Pensions Ombudsman's jurisdiction to scheme administrators**

2A.—(1) The Pensions Ombudsman may investigate and determine any complaint in relation to the administration of a scheme, involving an authorised complainant and the administrator of the scheme.

(2) Where the Pensions Ombudsman commences an investigation under paragraph (1), the provisions of Part X of the Act (investigations: the Pensions Ombudsman) shall apply

(**1**) 1993 c. 49
(**2**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**3**) S.R. 1991 No. 93; amended by S.R. 1994 No. 300