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STATUTORY MATERNITY PAY

The Statutory Maternity Pay (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988

Made	*1st April 1988*
Coming into operation . .	*6th April 1988*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 47(8) and (9) of, and paragraphs 11 and 11A of Schedule 4 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(**a**) 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 Statutory Maternity Pay (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1988.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Statutory Maternity Pay (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**b**).

Amendment of regulation 4 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 4 of the principal regulations (modification of entitlement provisions) after paragraph (2) there shall be added the following paragraph—

"(3) In relation to a woman to whom either paragraph (1) or (2) of this regulation applies, Article 49 of the 1986 Order shall be modified so that—

(*a*) paragraph (2) of Article 49 has effect as if the reference to the period of 8 weeks immediately preceding the 14th week before the expected week of confinement was a reference—

(i) in a case to which paragraph (1) of this regulation applies, to the period of 8 weeks ending with the last day in respect of which she was paid in accordance with her contract of service with her employer, or

(ii) in a case to which paragraph (2) of this regulation applies, to the period of 8 weeks immediately preceding the week in which her confinement occurred;

(*b*) paragraph (4) of Article 49 has effect as if after "expected week of confinement has been" there were inserted "or would but for her dismissal or confinement have been"; and

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(a) S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18); Article 47(8) and paragraph 11 of Schedule 4 were amended by, and Article 47(9) and paragraph 11A of Schedule 4 were inserted by, paragraphs 12 and 15 of Schedule 4 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/594 (N.I. 2))

(b) S.R. 1987 No. 30