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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979

Made . . . . . *20th December* 1979

Coming into operation . . . . *6th April* 1980

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 120 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(**a**) and Article 3(7) of the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**b**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and in conjunction with the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland so far as relates to matters with regard to which that Department has so directed(**c**), hereby makes the following order: which order corresponds to the order(**d**) made by the Secretary of State for Social Services under sections 120(5) and (6), 121(2) and 122(1)(*a*) of the Social Security Act 1975(**e**):

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1980.

(2) Article 6 of this order shall come into operation immediately after the coming into operation of Articles 1 to 5.

(3) In this order "the Act" means the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975.

Percentage rates of Class 1 contributions

2. In section 4(6) of the Act (rate of Class 1 contributions)—

(*a*) in paragraph (*a*) (primary contribution) for "6·5 per cent."(**f**) there shall be substituted "6·75 per cent.";

(*b*) in paragraph (*b*) (secondary contribution) for "10 per cent."(**g**) there shall be substituted "10·25 per cent.".

Rate of, and small earnings exception from, Class 2 contributions

3. In section 7 of the Act (Class 2 contributions)—

(*a*) in subsection (1) (weekly rate) for "£2·10"(**h**) there shall be substituted "£2·50";

(*b*) in subsection (5) (small earnings exception) for "£1,050"(**i**) there shall be substituted "£1,250".

(**a**) 1975 c. 15
(**b**) S.I. 1977/610 (N.I. 11)
(**c**) *See* section 155(5) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975
(**d**) S.I. 1979/1694
(**e**) 1975 c. 14
(**f**) *See* S.R. 1978 No. 10, Article 2(*a*)
(**g**) *See* S.R. 1978 No. 10, Article 2(*b*)
(**h**) *See* S.R. 1978 No. 387, Article 2(*a*)
(**i**) *See* S.R. 1978 No. 387, Article 2(*b*)