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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Unemployment Benefit Transitory Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979

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The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 79(1) and (3) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(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 Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Unemployment Benefit Transitory Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979, and shall come into operation on 4th February 1980.

(2) In these regulations—

(*a*) "spell of unemployment" means any period of one or more days on which a person is unemployed and any two or more such periods, not separated by a period of more than 3 consecutive days which in relation to that person are not days of unemployment, shall be treated as one spell of unemployment;

(*b*) "social security office" includes any office or place appointed by the Department for the purpose of claiming unemployment benefit;

(*c*) "the Department" means the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland;

(*d*) in computing any period of time Sundays shall not be disregarded.

Limited transitory provision for claims for unemployment benefit in advance

2.—(1) The provisions of this regulation shall apply for the purposes of a claim for unemployment benefit, made within a period of one year commencing with the coming into operation of this regulation at a social security office specified in the Schedule to these regulations, where that claim is made by a person who has, during the spell of unemployment in which such claim is made, already made a claim for unemployment benefit at that social security office.

(2) A claim for unemployment benefit to which this regulation applies may, unless in any case the Department otherwise directs, be made, on the form approved by the Department for the purpose, for a period falling in part before the date of the claim and in part, by not more than 7 days, after the date of the claim and, on any such claim, benefit may be awarded for the period to which the claim relates.

(a) 1975 c. 15