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The Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) (Amendment No. 2) 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 sections 76(2) and (4) and 77(2) 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, interpretation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979, shall be read as one with the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977(**b**), (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on 13th April 1979.

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 2 of the principal regulations (prescription of diseases and injuries and occupations for which they are prescribed) the following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (*c*):

"(*c*) byssinosis is prescribed in relation to all persons who have been employed in employed earner's employment at any time on or after 5th July 1948 in any occupation in any room where any process up to and including the winding or beaming process is performed in factories in which the spinning or manipulation of raw or waste cotton or of flax is carried on;".

Transitional provisions

3.—(1) Where a person, in relation to whom byssinosis is prescribed by virtue of the amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations made by regulation 2 of these regulations, is suffering from a loss of faculty as a result of byssinosis on the date on which these regulations come into operation, the provisions of regulation 6 of the principal regulations (date of development) shall be applied subject to the modification that the date on which these regulations come into operation shall be treated as the day on which he first suffered from the relevant loss of faculty, and the date of development shall be determined accordingly.

(**a**) 1975 c. 15

(**b**) S.R. 1977 No. 272 (II, p. 1478); there is no amendment which relates expressly to the subject matter of these regulations