1978 No. 270

PENSIONS

Pensions Increase (Modification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made . . . . . *8th September* 1978

Coming into operation . . . *1st December* 1978

The Department of the Civil Service, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5(3) of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(**a**) and now vested in it(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

1. These regulations may be cited as the Pensions Increase (Modification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1978.

2. The provisions of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 shall in relation to the Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978(**c**) apply to a pension payable under the Belfast Corporation Act (Northern Ireland) 1943(**d**) whatever the date of its beginning and whether beginning before or after the coming into operation of these regulations as if it were a pension beginning before 1st July 1977.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Civil Service for Northern Ireland on 8th September 1978.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 provides for percentage increases in the rates of various public service pensions, the amount of the percentage depending on the date of the beginning of the pension as defined in section 8(2) of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971. The pensions payable under the Belfast Corporation Act (Northern Ireland) 1943 are flat-rate pensions and special provision has for some time been made for them in pension increase regulations. These regulations continue the same provision so that all such pensions which come into payment after 1st July 1977 will be treated as having begun before 1st July 1977 and so will qualify for the 1978 pension increase at the rate for which they would have qualified had they begun in 1943, when the pension was fixed.

(a) 1971 c. 35 (N.I.)
(b) By S.R. 1976 No. 281 Art. 3 and Sch. 1 (II, p. 1339)
(c) S.R. 1978 No. 269
(d) 1943 c.i. (N.I.)