1977 No. 314

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Occupational Pension Schemes (Certification of Employments — Local Government, etc., Staffs) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . 31*st October* 1977
Coming into operation . . . 16*th December* 1977

The Department of the Environment, after consultation with such bodies concerned with employments of the class to which these regulations apply as appeared to it fairly to represent the interests of the employers and earners in those employments, in exercise of its powers under article 53 of, and paragraph 8 of Schedule 2 to, the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(**a**) as amended by article 18(18) of the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**b**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Occupational Pension Schemes (Certification of Employments—Local Government, etc., Staffs) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 16th December 1977.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"the Order" means the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975;

"the Certification Regulations" means the Occupational Pension Schemes (Certification of Employments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(**c**);

"the Department" means the Department of the Environment;

"election" means an election with a view to the issue, variation or surrender under Part IV of the Order of a certificate (a contracting-out certificate) specifying that employment is to be treated, either generally or in relation to any specified description of earners, as contracted-out employment and the occupational pension scheme by reference to which that employment is to be so treated;

"specified class of employments" means employments in which an earner's service qualifies him for the benefits provided for by the Local Government (Superannuation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1962(**d**).

Elections, etc. to be made by the Department

3.—(1) In relation to the specified class of employments—

(*a*) the Department hereby directs that every election shall be made and revoked by it instead of by the employer;

(a) S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15)
(b) S.I. 1977/610 (N.I. 11)
(c) S.R. 1976 No. 5 (I, p. 20)
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962 No. 210 (p. 793) as amended by the following relevant regulations—S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966 No. 274 (p. 871); S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971 No. 108 (p. 539); S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 242 (I, p. 1207); S.R. 1974 No. 72 (I, p. 211); S.R. 1975 No. 187 (II, p. 984); S.R. 1975 No. 347 (II, p. 1695); S.R. 1977 No. 205