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The Contracted-out Employment (Transitional Arrangements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

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The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 72(1) and (2)(*g*) of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 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 Contracted-out Employment (Transitional Arrangements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 4th November 1977.

(2) In these regulations—

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

"the Board" means the Occupational Pensions Board;

"the contracting-out conditions" means the conditions specified in Article 34(2)(*a*) and (*b*) of the Order.

Transitional arrangements

2.—(1) During the period beginning on 3rd November 1977 and ending on 5th April 1979, the Board may in their discretion issue a contracting-out certificate, notwithstanding that they have not satisfied themselves that the scheme in question satisfies the contracting-out conditions, on the basis of either—

(*a*) the information specified in paragraph (3), given by the employer of the earners in relation to whose employment it is desired that the scheme should be contracted-out, or, in a case where an election with a view to the issue of a contracting-out certificate has been made by a person other than that employer, given by that other person, or

(*b*) (i) an undertaking, given by any person having power to alter any of the rules of the scheme in question, to the effect specified in paragraph (4), and

(ii) an undertaking, given by the employer of the earners in relation to whose employments it is desired that the scheme should be contracted-out, to the effect specified in paragraph (5).

(2) In the case of a public service pension scheme, the Board may issue a certificate under paragraph (1)(*b*) notwithstanding that the undertaking mentioned in paragraph (1)(*b*)(i) is to the effect therein mentioned subject to such modifications as the Board may in their discretion accept, and that the undertaking mentioned in paragraph (1)(*b*)(ii) is not given.

(a) S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15)