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The Social Security (Contributions) (Married Women and Widows) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

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The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Act 1975(**a**) and Articles 5(2) and 72(1) of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(**b**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Social Security (Contributions) (Married Women and Widows) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977, shall be read as one with the Social Security (Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(**c**) as amended(**d**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on 6th April 1977 immediately after regulation 10 of the Social Security (Contributions) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(**e**) comes into operation.

Amendment of regulation 89 *of the principal regulations*

2. In regulation 89(8)(*a*)(ii) (elections by married women and widows) for "at the time of making the election is not less than the basic component specified" there shall be substituted "is not less than the basic component specified for the time being".

Amendment of regulation 90 *of the principal regulations*

3. In regulation 90 of the principal regulations (duration of effect of election) after paragraph (1)(*d*) there shall be added the following—

"or

(*e*) where, in any year, a payment is made by or on behalf of the woman on account of primary Class 1 contributions at the standard rate in the erroneous belief that such contributions were payable by her or on her behalf in that year, and the woman wishes to pay primary Class 1 contributions at the standard rate from and including the beginning of the year next following that year, the end of the year in respect of which the payment is made."

(a) 1975 c. 18
(b) S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15)
(c) S.R. 1975 No. 319 (II, p. 1492)
(d) The relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1976 No. 35 and S.R. 1977 No. 77
(e) S.R. 1976 No. 35