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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . 8*th February* 1977
Coming into operation . . . 6*th April* 1977

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in conjunction with the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland so far as relates to matters with regard to which that Department has so directed(a), and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 120 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(b), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following order: which order corresponds to the order made by the Secretary of State for Social Services(c) under section 120 of the Social Security Act 1975(d):

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1977.

(2) In this order, unless the context otherwise requires, "the Act" means the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975, as amended by the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975(e), and other expressions have the same meanings as in the Act.

(3) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(f) shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of this order as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Lower and upper earnings limits of Class 1 contributions

2. In section 4(1) of the Act (Class 1 contributions—incidence) for "£13 and £95" (lower and upper earnings limits) there shall be substituted "£15 and £105".

Rate of, and small earnings exception from, Class 2 contributions

3. In section 7 of the Act (Class 2 contributions)—

(*a*) in subsection (1) for "£2·41" there shall be substituted "£2·66";

(*b*) in subsection (5) (exception from Class 2 liability) for "£775" there shall be substituted "£875".

(a) *See* section 155(5) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975
(b) 1975 c. 15
(c) S.I. 1977/113
(d) 1975 c. 14
(e) S.R. 1975 No. 363 (II, p. 1792)
(f) 1889 c. 63