1975 No. 82

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Earnings Factor) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975

Made . . . . . *27th March* 1975

Coming into operation . . . *6th April* 1975

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 13(5) and 115(1) of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 13 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 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 Social Security (Earnings Factor) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1975.

(2) In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975;

"contributions" means contributions from which, under the Act or by virtue of regulations, an earnings factor is to be derived, and references to contributions of any class are to contributions actually of that class notwithstanding that for the purposes of any benefit they may be treated as or be deemed to be contributions of another class;

"year" means tax year;

and other expressions have the same meanings as in the Act.

(3) Any reference in these regulations to any provision made by or contained in any enactment or instrument shall, except in so far as the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to that provision as amended or extended by any enactment or instrument (whether made or to be made) and as including a reference to any provision which may re-enact or replace it with or without modification.

(4) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of these regulations as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Ascertainment of earnings factors

2. The earnings factors derived from a person's contributions in respect of any year shall be ascertained in accordance with the rules contained in the Schedule to these regulations.

(a) 1975 c. 15 (b) 1889 c. 63

Evidence of official records

3. For the purposes of Part III of the Act (determination of claims and questions) a certificate signed by a duly authorised officer of the Department of Health and Social Security or of the Department as to the manner in which any contributions paid or alleged to be paid have been or are to be recorded in the records of those Departments shall be sufficient evidence of the facts so certified; and any document purporting to be so signed shall be deemed to be so signed unless the contrary is proved.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 27th March 1975.

(L.S.)

C. G. Oakes
Assistant Secretary