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INDUSTRIAL TRAINING

Industrial Training Levy (Distributive Industry)

ORDER, DATED 20TH MARCH 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER SERVICES UNDER THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1964.

The Department of Manpower Services after approving proposals submitted by the Distributive Industry Training Board for the imposition of a further levy on employers in the distributive industry and in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 of the Industrial Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1964(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Industrial Training Levy (Distributive Industry) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974.

(2) In this Order—

"an appeal tribunal" means an industrial tribunal established under section 13 of the Industrial Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1964;

"assessment" means an assessment of an employer to the levy;

"the Board" means the Distributive Industry Training Board;

"business" means any activities of industry or commerce;

"the Department" means the Department of Manpower Services;

"distributive establishment" means an establishment in Northern Ireland engaged wholly or mainly in the distributive industry for a total of twenty-seven or more weeks in the fourth base period, or, being an establishment that commenced to carry on business in the fourth base period, for a total number of weeks exceeding one half of the number of weeks in the part of the said period commencing with the day on which business was commenced and ending on the last day thereof, or, where an election is made, in any part of the alternative fourth base period;

"the distributive industry" means any one or more of the activities which, subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the industrial training order, are specified in paragraph 1 of that Schedule as the activities of the distributive industry;

"dock worker" has the same meaning as in section 6(8) of the Contracts of Employment and Redundancy Payments Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(**b**);

"election" means an election, under the provisions of Article 2(3)(*a*)(ii), by an employer to pay the levy in respect of the emoluments of the persons employed in the relevant establishment during the alternative fourth base period;

(**a**) 1964. c. 18 (N.I.). (**b**) 1965. c. 19 (N.I.).

"emoluments" means all emoluments assessable to income tax under Schedule E (other than pensions), being emoluments from which tax under that Schedule is deductible, whether or not tax in fact falls to be deducted from any particular payment thereof;

"employer" means a person who is an employer in the distributive industry at any time in the fourth levy period, but does not include a person in whose case the sum of the emoluments paid or payable to all persons in, or deemed under the provisions of paragraph (3) to have been in, his employment in the fourth base period or, where an election is made, the alternative fourth base period, is less than £10,000 or in the case of two or more distributive establishments where the sum of the emoluments of all the persons employed in all of such establishments is less than £10,000.

"the fourth base period" means the year that commenced on 6th April 1972 and "the alternative fourth base period" means the year that commenced on 6th April 1973;

"the fourth levy period" means the year commencing on 1st April 1974;

"the industrial training order" means the Industrial Training (Distributive Board) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969(c);

"the levy" means the levy imposed by the Board in respect of the fourth levy period;

"notice" means a notice in writing.

(3) In the case where a distributive establishment is taken over (whether directly or indirectly) by an employer in succession to, or jointly with, another person, a person employed at or from the establishment at any time in the fourth base period or, in any case where an election is made, at any time in the alternative fourth base period, shall be deemed, for the purposes of this Order, to have been so employed by the employer carrying on the said establishment on 1st April 1974.

(4) Any reference in this Order to an establishment that commences to carry on business or that ceases to carry on business shall not be taken to apply where the location of the establishment is changed but its business is continued wholly or mainly at or from the new location, or where the suspension of activities is of a temporary or seasonal nature.

Imposition and assessment of the levy for the fourth levy period

2.—(1) The levy to be imposed on employers shall be assessed in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

(2) The levy shall be assessed by the Board separately in respect of each distributive establishment of an employer, but in agreement with the employer one assessment may be made in respect of any number of such establishments, in which case those establishments shall be deemed for the purposes of that assessment to constitute one establishment.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Article, the amount of the levy imposed on an employer in respect of a distributive establishment shall be equal to 0·5 per centum of the emoluments of—

(*a*) all persons employed by the employer at or from that establishment—

(i) in the fourth base period; or

(ii) where an election is made in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (4) in the alternative fourth base period;

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 126, as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 130.