1972. No. 226 **[C]**

NATIONAL INSURANCE, INDUSTRIAL INJURIES AND FAMILY ALLOWANCES

Polygamous Marriages

REGULATIONS, DATED 8TH SEPTEMBER 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE SOCIAL SERVICES (PARITY) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services on behalf of the Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by Article 12(1) of the Social Services (Parity) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971(**a**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations being regulations subject to negative resolution in accordance with Article 12(2) of that Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance, Industrial Injuries and Family Allowances (Polygamous Marriages) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972 and shall come into operation on 18th September 1972.

(2) In these regulations—

"the Insurance Act" means the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**b**);

"the Industrial Injuries Act" means the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**c**);

"the Family Allowances Act" means the Family Allowances Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**d**);

"polygamous marriage" means a marriage celebrated under a law which, as it applies to the particular ceremony and to the parties thereto, permits polygamy;

"monogamous marriage" means a marriage celebrated under a law which does not permit polygamy;

and other expressions shall, as appropriate, have the same meanings as in the Insurance Act, the Industrial Injuries Act and the Family Allowances Act.

General rule as to the consequences of a polygamous marriage for the purpose of the Insurance Act, the Industrial Injuries Act and the Family Allowances Act.

2.—(1) Subject to the provisions of regulations 3 and 4, a polygamous marriage shall, for the purposes of the Insurance Act, the Industrial Injuries Act and the Family Allowances Act and any enactment construed as one with those Acts, be treated as having the same consequences as a monogamous marriage for any day, but only for any day, throughout which the polygamous marriage is in fact monogamous.

(**a**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 224.
(**b**) 1966, c. 6 (N.I.).
(**c**) 1966. c. 9 (N.I.).
(**d**) 1966. c. 8 (N.I.).