EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations modify the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Scheme in consequence of the provisions of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1963, which increased the level of graduated retirement benefits under the National Insurance Graduated Pension Scheme.

This amendment is required in order to ensure that pensions under the Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Scheme shall in all cases be at least equivalent to the maximum benefits provided under the Graduated Pension Scheme. This will enable local government officers to continue to be contracted-out of that Scheme.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT—PENSIONS

Existing Officers—Surrender of Superannuation Allowance

RULES, DATED 8TH NOVEMBER, 1963, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SUPERANNUATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1950.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government in pursuance of the powers conferred on it by section 5 of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1950(**a**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following rules:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These rules may be cited as the Local Government Superannuation (Existing Officers—Surrender of Superannuation Allowance) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1963, and shall come into operation on 6th January, 1964.

Amendment of 1962 *Rules*

2. The Local Government Superannuation (Existing Officers—Surrender of Superannuation Allowance) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1962(**b**) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) For rule 8(2) there shall be substituted the following rule:—

"(2) No provision in these rules for the surrender of part of a superannuation allowance so far as it affects any person who is, or was immediately before he ceased to be employed, in a non-participating employment, shall operate so as to reduce his superannuation allowance below such amount as would be equal to the minimum rate of equivalent pension benefits applicable in respect of any period of service under the provisions of Part II of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(**c**) as amended from time to time."

(**a**) 1950. c. 10. (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962, No. 42. (**c**) 1959. c. 21.