1963. No. 33 **[NC]**

NATIONAL INSURANCE AND INDUSTRIAL INJURIES

Commencement Order (Northern Ireland) 1963

ORDER, DATED 5TH MARCH, 1963, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1963.

Whereas it is provided by section 4(2) and (4) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1963(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1963") that the provisions of those subsections shall have effect as respects service after such date or dates as the Minister of Labour and National Insurance may by order appoint:

And whereas it is provided by paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the Act of 1963 that the provisions mentioned in that paragraph shall not come into force until such date or dates as the Minister of Labour and National Insurance may by order appoint:

Now, therefore, I, the Right Honourable Herbert Victor Kirk, Minister of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland, in exercise of powers conferred by the said section 4(2) and (4) and the said paragraph 1 and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf hereby make the following Order:

1.—(1) The date appointed for the purpose of section 4(2) of the Act of 1963 (equivalent pension benefits) and for the purpose of section 4(4) of that Act so far as it amends section 6(3)(*a*) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(**b**) (payments in lieu of contributions) shall be the 5th January, 1964.

(2) The date appointed for the purpose of the said section 4(4) so far as it amends section 6(5) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1959 (dual employments) shall be the 7th April, 1963; and, as respects the period beginning with the 8th April, 1963, and ending with the 31st May, 1963, for the purpose of determining the amount of the graduated contributions referred to in the said section 6(5), the provisions of that Act shall have effect as if the date appointed for the coming into force of section 4(1) of the Act of 1963 were the 6th April, 1963.

2.—(1) Subject to the provisions of Article 3 and of paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 to the Act of 1963, the date appointed for the coming into force of any provision of the Act of 1963 specified in column 1 of the Schedule, so far as that provision relates to any subject matter specified in column 2 of that Schedule, shall be the date specified in column 3 of that Schedule in relation to that subject matter.

(2) Accordingly, for the purpose of section 5 of the Act of 1963 (transitory provisions as respects assistance grants) the date by which all the increases of benefit under that Act have taken effect shall be the 27th May, 1963.

(a) 1963. c. 9 (N.I.). **(b)** 1959. c. 21.

3. As respects the period beginning with the 7th March, 1963, and ending with the 26th May, 1963, the rate of a person's unemployment or sickness benefit for any day in that period by virtue of section 25 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1946(**a**) (which relates to unemployment and sickness benefit for persons over pensionable age and regulates the rate of benefit in such cases by reference to the rate of retirement pension) shall be determined as if the date appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Act of 1963 relating to higher rates of retirement pension under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1946 were the 7th March, 1963.

4. This Order may be cited as the National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1963.

Given under my hand this 5th day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty-three.

H. V. Kirk,
Minister.

(a) 1946. c. 23.