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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 1976

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The Secretary of State, being the designated Minister under the European Communities (Designation) Order 1972(**a**), in exercise of his powers under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**b**) and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 and shall come into operation on 4th August 1976.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) In these Regulations "the Scheme" means the Scheme set out in the Schedule to the European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme) Regulations 1974(**d**).

Amendment of the Scheme

2. The Scheme shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

3.—(1) In paragraph (1) of Article 1 there shall be inserted at the appropriate place in alphabetical order:—

" 'non-contributory invalidity pension' means a non-contributory invalidity pension payable under section 36 of the Social Security Act 1975(**e**)."

" 'relevant course of training' means a course of training—

(*a*) conducted under arrangements made under the provisions of the Employment and Training Act 1973(**f**),

(a) S.I. 1972/1811 (1972 III, p. 5216).
(b) 1972 c. 68.
(c) 1889 c. 63.
(d) S.I. 1974/908 (1974 II, p. 3543).
(e) 1975 c. 14.
(f) 1973 c. 50.

(*b*) approved by the Training Services Agency,

(*c*) approved by the Iron and Steel Industry Training Board, and being a course of training conducted by or on behalf of a steel company, or

(*d*) approved by the Secretary of State and the Commission of the European Communities for the purposes of this Scheme."

" 'self-employed person' means a person who is gainfully employed for not less than 21 hours in each week in the United Kingdom otherwise than under a contract of service, and otherwise than in an office (including elective office) with emoluments chargeable to income tax under Schedule E, whether or not he is also so employed."

(2) In the definition of "other employment" there shall be substituted for the words "arrangements made under the provisions of the Employment and Training Act 1973 or approved by the Training Services Agency" the words "a relevant course of training".

4. (*a*) In paragraph (1) of Article 3, after the words "other full-time employment" there shall be inserted the words "or who is a self-employed person".

(*b*) In head (*a*) of the definition of "current earnings" in paragraph (3) of Article 3, after the words "a steel company" there shall be inserted the words "whether or not he also becomes a self-employed person".

(*c*) At the end of head (*a*) of the definition of "current earnings" in paragraph (3) of Article 3, there shall be inserted the words "from whatever source".

(*d*) In head (*b*) of the definition of "current earnings" in paragraph (3) of Article 3, there shall be inserted after the words "other employment" the words "or as a self-employed person, or both".

(*e*) For the definition of "previous earnings" in paragraph (3) of Article 3 there shall be substituted the following:—

" 'previous earnings' means—

(*a*) the average of the employee's weekly earnings from employment by a steel company for the relevant period referred to below, or

(*b*) if he underwent retraining which affected his earnings in that period, the average of his earnings from employment by a steel company for each of the weeks within that period in which he was normally employed and, for the weeks in which he was not normally employed, such amount as the Secretary of State considers he would have earned, had he been so employed in those weeks;

and for this purpose the relevant period is the period of 13 weeks immediately preceding the fourth week before the relevant date.".

5.—(1) In Article 4, for the words "£5" wherever they occur there shall be substituted the words "£9".

(2) For paragraph (2)(*c*) of Article 4 there shall be substituted the following:—

"(*c*) if a married woman, is not prevented from obtaining unemployment or sickness benefit solely because she has elected to pay primary Class 1 contributions at the reduced rate in accordance with section 5(2) of the Social Security Act 1975.".

6.—(1) In Article 5, for the words "£5" wherever they occur there shall be substituted the words "£9".

(2) For paragraph (2)(*c*) of Article 5 there shall be substituted the following:—

"(*c*) if a married woman, is not prevented from obtaining unemployment or sickness benefit solely because she has elected to pay primary Class I contributions at the reduced rate in accordance with section 5(2) of the Social Security Act 1975.".

(3) For paragraph (5) of Article 5 there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(5) Where a steel employee is in receipt of:—

(*a*) a pension in respect of his employment with a steel company, or

(*b*) compensation under the Iron and Steel (Compensation to Employees) Regulations 1968(**a**), as amended (**b**),

the amount payable under paragraph (4) shall be abated so as to ensure that the aggregate amount of that payment, any such pension or compensation and any benefits specified in Article 12(2)(*a*) which he receives does not exceed the amount of his previous earnings (as defined in Article 3).".

7.—(1) In Article 6, for the words "£5" wherever they occur there shall be substituted the words "£9".

(2) For the words "because she has elected not to pay flat-rate National Insurance contributions" in paragraph (1) of Article 6 there shall be substituted the words "solely because she has elected to pay primary Class 1 contributions at the reduced rate in accordance with section 5(2) of the Social Security Act 1975".

(3) In the column headed "Amount of weekly payment" in paragraph (1) of Article 6 there shall be substituted for the words "(if she had paid the appropriate National Insurance contributions)", wherever they occur in that column, the words "(if she had paid primary Class 1 contributions at the standard rate in accordance with section 5(1) of the Social Security Act 1975)".

(4) In that column there shall be substituted for the words "the middle rate of unemployment or sickness benefit contained in paragraph 1(*b*) of Part I of Schedule 3 to the National Insurance Act 1965 (as amended)", wherever they occur in the column, the words "the lower rate of unemployment or sickness benefit specified in Part I of Schedule 4 to the Social Security Act 1975".

8. In paragraph (4) of Article 7 there shall be inserted after the words "sickness benefit" the words "invalidity benefit, non-contributory invalidity pension or injury benefit".

9.—(1) For paragraphs (1) and (2) of Article 8 there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:—

"(1) Where the Secretary of State is satisfied that a steel employee in the employment of a steel company who—

(*a*) is undergoing a relevant course of training, and

(*b*) will by the relevant date have been an employee of that company for 52 weeks,

(a) S.I. 1968/1170 (1968 II, p. 3156). (b) S.I. 1971/2026 (1971 III, p. 5818).

will become a transferred or redundant employee at any time during the period beginning with the date on which his course of training began and ending 26 weeks after the date on which it will end, the Secretary of State may, subject to the provisions of this Scheme, pay him, in respect of any week of his course of training, the amount specified in paragraph (2A) of this Article.

(2) (*a*) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, the Secretary of State may make a weekly payment to any eligible steel employee who after the relevant date is undergoing a relevant course of training and to whom a payment is not made for that week under the preceding provisions of this Scheme.

(*b*) The amount of any weekly payment under this paragraph shall be that specified in paragraph (2A) of this Article.

(2A) The amount of the payments referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be the amount by which the amount specified in whichever of columns II to IX of the table set out in paragraph (8) of this Article is appropriate to the circumstances of the steel employee concerned at the beginning of the first week of the course in question in respect of which a payment is made to him under paragraph (1) or paragraph (2), as the case may be, opposite the amounts specified in column I of that table appropriate to the amount of that steel employee's previous earnings exceeds the aggregate of the following amounts:—

(i) the gross amount of any pay or training allowance to which he may be entitled for that week;

(ii) the amount of any benefit specified in Article 12(2)(*a*) to which he may be entitled for that week;

(iii) the amount of any pension in respect of his employment with a steel company to which he may be entitled for that week; and

(iv) the amount of any compensation under the Iron and Steel (Compensation to Employees) Regulations 1968, as amended, to which he may be entitled for that week.".

(2) In paragraph (4) of Article 8 there shall be substituted for the words "paragraph (1)" the words "paragraph (2A)".

(3) In paragraph (6) of Article 8 there shall be substituted for the words "a course of training for eligible steel employees which has been approved by the Training Services Agency" the words "a relevant course of training for eligible steel employees".

(4) At the end of Article 8 there shall be inserted the following paragraphs:—

"(7) Where a steel employee is undergoing a relevant course of training and would be eligible for a payment under this Article in respect of it but for the fact that the course in question lasts for less than one week, the Secretary of State may pay him, in respect of that course, that proportion of the weekly amount which could be paid if the course lasted for more than one week which the duration of the course bears to one week.

(8) The following is the table referred to in paragraph (2A):—

Column I		Column II	Column III	Column IV	Column V	Column VI	Column VII	Column VIII	Column IX
Amount of previous earnings		Adult Dependant No children	Adult Dependant + 1 child	Adult Dependant + 2 children	Adult Dependant + 3 or more children	No Adult Dependant No children	No Adult Dependant + 1 child	No Adult Dependant + 2 children	No Adult Dependant + 3 or more children
£	but not exceeding	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
nil	20	19·25	19·50	19·50	19·50	17·25	19·00	19·50	19·50
20	21	20·00	20·50	20·50	20·50	18·00	19·50	20·50	20·50
21	22	20·50	21·50	21·50	21·50	18·50	20·25	21·50	21·50
22	23	21·25	22·50	22·50	22·50	19·25	20·75	22·50	22·50
23	24	22·00	23·50	23·50	23·50	20·00	21·50	23·25	23·50
24	25	22·50	24·25	24·50	24·50	20·50	22·25	24·00	24·50
25	26	23·25	24·75	25·50	25·50	21·25	22·75	24·75	25·50
26	27	23·75	25·50	26·50	26·50	21·75	23·50	25·25	26·50
27	28	24·50	26·00	27·50	27·50	22·50	24·00	26·00	27·50
28	29	25·25	26·75	28·50	28·50	23·25	24·75	26·50	28·25
29	30	25·75	27·50	29·25	29·50	23·75	25·50	27·25	28·75
30	31	26·50	28·00	30·00	30·50	24·50	26·00	28·00	29·50
31	32	27·00	28·75	30·50	31·50	25·00	26·75	28·50	30·25
32	33	27·75	29·25	31·25	32·50	25·75	27·25	29·25	30·75
33	34	28·50	30·00	31·75	33·50	26·50	28·00	29·75	31·50
34	35	29·00	30·75	32·50	34·25	27·00	28·75	30·50	32·00
35	36	29·75	31·25	33·25	34·75	27·75	29·25	31·25	32·75
36	37	30·25	32·00	33·75	35·50	28·25	30·00	31·75	33·50
37	38	31·00	32·50	34·50	36·00	29·00	30·50	32·50	34·00
38	39	31·75	33·25	35·00	36·75	29·75	31·25	33·00	34·75
39	40	32·25	34·00	35·75	37·50	30·25	32·00	33·75	35·25
40	41	33·00	34·50	36·50	38·00	31·00	32·50	34·50	36·00
41	42	33·50	35·25	37·00	38·75	31·50	33·25	35·00	36·75
42	43	34·25	35·75	37·75	39·25	32·25	33·75	35·75	37·25
43	44	35·00	36·50	38·25	40·00	33·00	34·50	36·25	38·00
44	45	35·50	37·25	39·00	40·75	33·50	35·25	37·00	38·50
45	46	36·25	37·75	39·75	41·25	34·25	35·75	37·75	39·25
46	47	36·75	38·50	40·25	42·00	34·75	36·50	38·25	40·00
47	48	37·50	39·00	41·00	42·50	35·50	37·00	39·00	40·50
48	49	38·25	39·75	41·50	43·25	36·25	37·75	39·50	41·25
49	50	38·75	40·50	42·25	43·75	36·75	38·50	40·25	41·75
50	51	39·50	41·00	43·00	44·50	37·50	39·00	41·00	42·50
51	52	40·00	41·75	43·50	45·25	38·00	39·75	41·50	43·25
52	53	40·75	42·00	44·25	45·75	38·75	40·25	42·25	43·75
53	54	41·50	43·00	44·75	46·50	39·50	41·00	42·75	44·50
54	55	42·00	43·75	45·50	47·25	40·00	41·75	43·50	45·00
55	56	42·75	44·25	46·25	47·75	40·75	42·25	44·25	45·75
56	57	43·25	45·00	46·75	48·50	41·25	43·00	44·75	46·50
57	58	44·00	45·50	47·50	49·00	42·00	43·50	45·50	47·00
58	59	44·75	46·25	48·00	49·75	42·75	44·25	46·00	47·75
59	60	45·25	47·00	48·75	50·50	43·25	45·00	46·75	48·25
60	61	46·00	47·50	49·50	51·00	44·00	45·50	47·50	49·00
61	62	46·50	48·25	50·00	51·75	44·50	46·25	48·00	49·75
62	63	47·25	48·75	50·75	52·25	45·25	46·75	48·75	50·25
63	64	48·00	49·50	51·25	53·00	46·00	47·50	49·25	51·00
64	65	48·50	50·25	52·00	53·75	46·50	48·25	50·00	51·50
65	66	49·25	50·75	52·75	54·25	47·25	48·75	50·75	52·25
66	67	49·75	51·50	53·25	55·00	47·75	49·50	51·25	53·00
67	68	50·50	52·00	54·00	55·50	48·50	50·00	52·00	53·50
68	69	51·25	52·75	54·50	56·25	49·25	50·75	52·50	54·25
69	70	51·75	53·50	55·25	57·00	49·75	51·50	53·25	54·75
70	71	52·50	54·00	56·00	57·50	50·50	52·00	54·00	55·50
71	72	53·00	54·75	56·50	58·25	51·00	52·75	54·50	56·25
72	73	53·75	55·25	57·25	58·75	51·75	53·25	55·25	56·75
73	74	54·50	56·00	57·75	59·50	52·50	54·00	55·75	57·50
74	75	55·00	56·75	58·50	60·25	53·00	54·75	56·50	58·00

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75	76	55·75	57·25	59·25	60·75	53·75	55·25	57·25	58·75
76	77	56·25	57·75	59·75	61·50	54·25	56·00	57·75	59·50
77	78	57·00	58·50	60·50	62·00	55·00	56·50	58·50	60·00
78	79	57·75	59·25	61·00	62·75	55·75	57·25	59·00	60·75
79	80	58·25	60·00	61·75	63·50	56·25	58·00	59·75	61·25
80	81	59·00	60·50	62·50	64·00	57·00	58·50	60·50	62·00
81	82	59·50	61·25	63·00	64·75	57·50	59·25	61·00	62·75
82	83	60·25	61·75	63·75	65·25	58·25	59·75	61·75	63·25
83	84	61·00	62·50	64·25	66·00	59·00	60·50	62·25	64·00
84	85	61·50	63·25	65·00	66·75	59·50	61·25	63·00	64·50
85	86	62·25	63·75	65·75	67·25	60·25	61·75	63·75	65·25
86	87	62·75	64·50	66·25	68·00	60·75	62·50	64·25	66·00
87	88	63·50	65·00	67·00	68·50	61·50	63·00	65·00	66·50
88	89	64·25	65·75	67·50	69·25	62·25	63·75	65·50	67·25
89	90	64·75	66·50	68·25	70·00	62·75	64·50	66·25	67·75
90	91	65·50	67·00	69·00	70·50	63·50	65·00	67·00	68·50
91	92	66·00	67·75	69·50	71·25	64·00	65·75	67·50	69·25
92	93	66·75	68·25	70·25	71·75	64·75	66·25	68·25	69·75
93	94	67·50	69·00	70·75	72·50	65·50	67·00	68·75	70·50
94	95	68·00	69·75	71·50	73·25	66·00	67·75	69·50	71·00
95	96	68·75	70·25	72·25	73·75	66·75	68·25	70·25	71·75
96	97	69·25	71·00	72·75	74·50	67·25	69·00	70·75	72·50
97	98	70·00	71·50	73·50	75·00	68·00	69·50	71·50	73·00
98	99	70·75	72·25	74·00	75·75	68·75	70·25	72·00	73·75
99	100	71·25	73·00	74·75	76·50	69·25	71·00	72·75	74·25
100	101	72·00	73·50	75·50	77·00	70·00	71·50	73·50	75·00
101	102	72·50	74·25	76·00	77·75	70·50	72·25	74·00	75·75
102	103	73·25	74·75	76·75	78·25	71·00	72·75	74·75	76·25
103	104	74·00	75·50	77·25	79·00	71·75	73·50	75·25	77·00
104	105	74·50	76·25	78·00	79·75	72·25	74·25	76·00	77·50
105	106	75·25	76·75	78·75	80·25	73·00	74·75	76·75	78·25
106	107	75·75	77·50	79·25	81·00	73·50	75·25	77·25	79·00
107	108	76·50	78·00	80·00	81·50	74·00	76·00	78·00	79·50
108	109	77·00	78·75	80·50	82·25	74·75	76·50	78·50	80·25
109	110	77·50	79·50	81·25	83·00	75·25	77·25	79·25	80·75
110	111	78·25	80·00	82·00	83·50	75·75	77·75	79·75	81·50
111	112	78·75	80·75	82·50	84·25	76·50	78·25	80·50	82·25
112	113	79·50	81·25	83·25	84·75	77·00	79·00	81·00	82·75
113	114	80·00	81·75	83·75	85·50	77·50	79·50	81·75	83·50
114	115	80·50	82·50	84·50	86·25	78·00	80·25	82·25	84·00
115	116	81·25	83·00	85·25	86·75	78·50	80·75	82·75	84·75
116	117	81·75	83·75	85·75	87·50	79·25	81·25	83·50	85·25
117	118	82·25	84·25	86·25	88·00	79·75	81·75	84·00	86·00
118	119	82·75	84·75	87·00	88·75	80·25	82·25	84·75	86·50
119	120	83·50	85·50	87·50	89·50	80·75	83·00	85·25	87·00
120	121	84·00	86·00	88·25	90·00	81·25	83·50	85·75	87·75
121	122	84·50	86·50	88·75	90·50	82·00	84·00	86·25	88·25
122	123	85·00	87·25	89·25	91·25	82·50	84·50	87·00	89·00
123	124	85·50	87·75	90·00	91·75	83·00	85·00	87·50	89·50
124	125	86·25	88·25	90·50	92·50	83·50	85·75	88·00	90·00
125	126	86·75	88·75	91·25	93·00	84·00	86·25	88·50	90·75
126	127	87·25	89·25	91·75	93·50	84·75	86·75	89·00	91·25
127	128	87·75	90·00	92·25	94·25	85·25	87·25	89·75	91·75
128	129	88·25	90·50	92·75	94·75	85·75	87·75	90·25	92·25
129	130	89·00	91·00	93·25	95·50	86·25	88·50	90·75	92·75
130	131	89·50	91·50	94·00	96·00	86·75	89·00	91·25	93·50
131	132	90·00	92·00	94·50	96·50	87·25	89·50	91·75	94·00

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£	but not exceeding	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
132	133	90·50	92·75	95·00	97·00	87·75	90·00	92·50	94·50
133	134	91·00	93·25	95·50	97·75	88·25	90·50	93·00	95·00
134	135	91·75	93·75	96·00	98·25	88·75	91·00	93·50	95·50
135	136	92·25	94·25	96·75	98·75	89·25	91·50	94·00	96·25
136	137	92·75	94·75	97·25	99·25	89·75	92·00	94·50	96·75
137	138	93·25	95·50	97·75	99·75	90·25	92·50	95·25	97·25
138	139	93·75	96·00	98·25	100·50	90·75	93·00	95·75	97·75
139	140	94·25	96·50	98·75	101·00	91·25	93·50	96·25	98·25
140	141	94·75	97·00	99·50	101·50	91·75	94·00	96·75	99·00
141	142	95·25	97·50	100·00	102·00	92·25	94·50	97·25	99·50
142	143	95·75	98·00	100·50	102·50	92·75	95·00	97·75	100·00
143	144	96·25	98·50	101·00	103·25	93·25	95·50	98·25	100·50
144	145	96·75	99·00	101·50	103·75	93·75	96·00	98·75	101·00
145	146	97·25	99·50	102·00	104·25	94·25	96·50	99·25	101·50
146	147	97·75	100·00	102·50	104·75	94·75	97·00	99·75	102·00
147	148	98·25	100·50	103·00	105·25	95·25	97·50	100·25	102·50
148	149	98·75	101·00	103·50	106·00	95·75	98·00	100·75	103·00
149	150	99·25	101·50	104·00	106·50	96·25	98·50	101·25	103·50
150	151	99·75	102·00	104·50	107·00	96·75	99·00	101·75	104·00
151	152	100·25	102·50	105·00	107·50	97·00	99·50	102·25	104·50
152	153	100·75	103·00	105·50	108·00	97·50	100·00	102·75	105·00
153	154	101·25	103·50	106·00	108·50	98·00	100·50	103·25	105·50
154	155	101·75	104·00	106·50	109·00	98·50	101·00	103·75	106·00
155	156	102·00	104·50	107·00	109·50	99·00	101·50	104·25	106·50
156	157	102·50	105·00	107·50	110·00	99·25	102·00	104·75	107·00
157	158	103·00	105·50	108·00	110·50	99·75	102·25	105·25	107·50
158	159	103·50	106·00	108·50	111·00	100 25	102·75	105·75	108·00
159	160	104·00	106·50	109·00	111·50	100·75	103·25	106·25	108·50

In the above table:—

'adult dependant' means—

(*a*) any person who is the husband or wife of a steel employee to whom a payment is made under this Article, and who is wholly or partly maintained by him; or

(*b*) in the case of a steel employee who has no husband or wife, any person who, on the hypothesis that—

(i) the beginning of the first week of the course of training referred to in paragraph (2A) of this Article fell within any such period as is mentioned in section 44(3)(*b*) or (*c*) of the Social Security Act 1975, and

(ii) the recipient of a payment under this Article were a beneficiary within the meaning of the Social Security Act 1975,

would be a person in respect of whom that recipient would be entitled to unemployment benefit, sickness benefit and maternity allowance at an increased rate by virtue of subsections (2) and (3)(*b*) or (*c*) of section 44 of the Social Security Act 1975.

'child' means a person who is wholly or mainly maintained by a steel employee to whom a payment is made under this Article, and who would be treated as a child for the purposes of the Family Allowances Act 1965(a).".

10. In the proviso to paragraph (2) of Article 9, the words "by the Secretary of State under section 5(1) of the Employment and Training Act 1948 or section 6 of the Local Employment Act 1972, or" shall be omitted.

11. For the proviso to paragraph (2) of Article 11 there shall be substituted the following:—

"Provided that he shall not be so eligible:—

(*a*) in respect of any week in the period during which he is eligible for payments under this Scheme by reference to the previous relevant event;

(*b*) if the further relevant event occurred at any time within the period during which he was eligible for benefits under this Scheme as a result of the previous relevant event or within 52 weeks after the end of that period, and was attributable to circumstances which were subsisting or could reasonably have been foreseen at the time when he previously became a transferred employee, or having become a redundant employee, again took up employment with a steel company.".

12. The following Article shall be inserted after Article 11:—

"*Cost of living adjustment to benefits*

11A.—(1) Where a weekly payment under any of the preceding Articles of this Scheme which is related to its recipient's previous earnings is made in respect of a week falling within the second period of 52 weeks following the relevant date, the Secretary of State may pay to the recipient of that weekly payment such additional weekly sum as he may think appropriate to take account of changes in the cost of living during the period of 52 weeks commencing on the relevant date.

(2) Where any such weekly payment is made in respect of a week commencing after the expiry of a period of 104 weeks after the relevant date, the Secretary of State may pay to the recipient of that weekly payment such additional weekly sum as he may think appropriate to take account of changes in the cost of living during that period of 104 weeks.".

13. In paragraph (2)(*a*) of Article 12 there shall be inserted the following words:—

"(vii) non-contributory invalidity pension".

14. For Article 16 there shall be substituted the following Article:—

"**16.** No payment under this Scheme shall be made to a steel employee in respect of any week during which he is not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man.".

Transitional provisions

15.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the first week in respect of which payments may be made under the Scheme as amended by these Regulations to a steel

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employee who is eligible to receive payments under the unamended Scheme shall be the first completed week of such eligibility of the steel employee concerned commencing after the coming into operation of these Regulations.

(2) Where at the coming into operation of these Regulations a steel employee is engaged in a course of training rendering him eligible for payments under Article 8 of the unamended Scheme, the amendments made to the Scheme by these Regulations shall not apply to that steel employee during the period of his attendance at that course.

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3rd August 1976.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Scheme, established by the European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme) Regulations 1974, for the payment of benefits to certain steel workers who are made redundant or transferred to new work at lower rates of pay as a result of events which fall within the terms of Article 56(2) of the ECSC Treaty.

The amendments permit self-employed persons to receive supplementation of their current earnings in the same way as employed persons currently do (Regulation 4); increase flat rate benefits to the unemployed (Regulations 5, 6 and 7); widen the scope of eligibility for training benefit; provide for new scales of training benefit; and permit the payment of training benefit in respect of courses lasting less than a week (Regulation 9); provide for certain new abatements to benefits under the Scheme (Regulations 5, 6, 9 and 13); amend the conditions for a second or subsequent period of eligibility (Regulation 11); provide for a cost of living adjustment to benefits (Regulation 12); and render ineligible for benefit persons who are not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom (Regulation 14).

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