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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986

Made . . . . . *16th October 1986*

Coming into operation . . . *18th November 1986*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 79(3) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986 and shall come into operation on 18th November 1986.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977(**b**).

Amendment of regulation 13 of the principal regulations

2.—(1) Regulation 13 of the principal regulations (special provisions relating to claims for unemployment benefit made during periods connected with public holidays) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions.

(2) In paragraph (2)(*a*) for "21 days after the date of the claim" there shall be substituted "35 days after the date of claim where the claim is made during the period specified in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (3) or 21 days after the date of claim where the claim is made during the period specified in sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (3)".

(3) In paragraph (3)(*a*) for "twenty-first day" there shall be substituted "35th day".

(4) In paragraph (3)(*b*) for "fourteenth day" there shall be substituted "21st day".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 16th October 1986.

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Assistant Secretary

(**a**) 1975 c. 15

(**b**) S.R. 1977 No. 351; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1981 No. 281 and S.R. 1982 No. 302

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend regulation 13 of the Social Security (Claims amd Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977. They correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Services in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980 (c. 30) are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

The main change made is to extend the period for which a claim for unemployment benefit may be treated as made in regard to the Christmas and New Year holidays — a maximum of 35 days replaces the former 21 days (regulation 2(2)). Two amendments are also made to the periods when the special provisions for claiming unemployment benefit in connection with the occurrence of public holidays are to apply (regulation 2(3) and (4)).

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Castlereagh Borough Council (Temporary Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1986

This Order, being of a temporary character, is not printed at length in this volume.