STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 1979

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The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 76 and 77 of the Social Security Act 1975(**a**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, after reference to the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 1979, shall be read as one with the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations 1975(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations"), and shall come into operation on 7th January 1980.

Amendment of Part I *of Schedule* 1 *to the principal regulations*

2. For paragraph 21 of Part I of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations there shall be substituted the paragraph set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

Transitional provisions

3. Where a person, who has been employed on or at any time after 5th July 1948 in employed earner's employment in any occupation referred to in the second column of the Schedule hereto, is, as a result of infection by leptospira (other than leptospira icterohaemorrhagiae in the case of a person so employed in any occupation involving work in places which are, or are liable to be, infested by rats, and other than leptospira canicola in the case of a person so employed in any occupation involving work at dog kennels or the care or handling of dogs) either incapable of work or suffering from loss of faculty on the date on which these regulations come into operation and the disease is due to the nature of the employment, the provisions of regulation 6

(**a**) 1975 c. 14.
(**b**) S.I. 1975/1537, to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations.

of the principal regulations (the date of development) shall be applied subject to the modification that the date on which these regulations come into operation shall be treated as the first day on which he was incapable of work, or, as the case may be, as the day on which he first suffered from the relevant loss of faculty, and the date of development shall be determined accordingly.

Patrick Jenkin,

Secretary of State for Social Services.

3rd December 1979.

SCHEDULE Regulation 2

Description of disease or injury	Nature of occupation
21. Infection by leptospira	Any occupation involving: (*a*) Work in places which are, or are liable to be, infested by rats, field mice or voles; (*b*) work at dog kennels or the care or handling of dogs; (*c*) contact with bovine animals or their meat products or pigs or their meat products.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These Regulations widen the description of the disease specified in paragraph 21 of Part I of Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations 1975 and enlarge the range of occupations to which it applies. Thus cover under the industrial injuries provisions of the Social Security Act 1975 is extended to infection by leptospira of all kinds in relation to persons employed in occupations involving work in places infested or liable to be infested by rats, field mice or voles; work at dog kennels or the care or handling of dogs; and contact with bovine animals or pigs or the meat products of either. Formerly infection only by leptospira icterohaemorrhagiae and leptospira canicola was prescribed, and only in relation to persons employed in occupations involving, respectively, work in places infested or liable to be infested by rats, and work at dog kennels or the care or handling of dogs.

The regulations also contain transitional provisions relating to persons, not covered by earlier regulations, who are already suffering from the disease on the date on which they come into operation.

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