STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Local Advisory Committees) Regulations 1967

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The Minister of Social Security in exercise of powers conferred by section 27 of the Ministry of Social Security Act 1966(a), and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Local Advisory Committees) Regulations 1967 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1967.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:—

"the Acts" means the National Insurance Acts 1965(b) and 1966(c), the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Acts 1965(d) and 1966(c), and the Ministry of Social Security Act 1966;

"the Minister" means the Minister of Social Security;

"the Commission" means the Supplementary Benefits Commission;

and other expressions have the same meanings as in the Acts.

(3) Reference in these regulations to any enactment shall include references to such enactment as amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulation.

(4) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(e) shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these regulations as they apply for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Constitution and functions of committees

2.—(1) Local advisory committees (hereinafter referred to as "committees") shall be established by the Minister for the whole of Great Britain for the purpose of considering and advising upon such questions bearing upon the administration of the Acts as the Minister or the Commission may from time to time refer to them, and each committee shall act for such area as the Minister shall think fit.

(2) For the purpose of facilitating any such reference, any committee may bring to the notice of the Minister any special problem bearing upon the administration of the Acts which arises from local conditions.

(a) 1966 c. 20. (b) 1965 c. 51. (c) 1966 c. 6. (d) 1965 c. 52. (e) 1889 c. 63.

(3) The committees shall consist of such persons representing employers, such persons representing employees, and such persons having local knowledge and experience in matters affecting the functions of the Commission as the Minister shall see fit to appoint, and the persons so appointed may include persons put forward by organisations concerned with the interests of employers or insured persons, including friendly societies or organisations representative of friendly societies.

Chairman and casting vote

3.—(1) The Minister shall appoint one member of each committee to be chairman thereof, and, if the members of the committee present at a meeting are equally divided upon a question, the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(2) If at any meeting of a committee the chairman is not present, the members of the committee present shall thereupon elect one of their number to act as chairman for that meeting.

Period of office

4. The members of a committee shall remain in office for such period as the Minister may direct.

Views of dissenting members to be recorded

5. If any member present at a meeting of a committee dissents from a resolution passed by a majority of the committee at that meeting, he shall have the right to have his views recorded, and it shall be the duty of the chairman to send the record of the views of such dissenting member, together with a copy of the resolution, to the Minister.

Procedure

6. The procedure of any committee shall be such as is determined from time to time by the committee.

Expenses, etc., of members of committees and of other persons

7. The Minister may pay to the members of any committee, and to persons attending at the request of the committee, such expenses and travelling and other allowances (including compensation for loss of remunerative time) as the Minister, with the consent of the Treasury, shall determine.

Revocation of regulations

8. The National Insurance (Local Advisory Committees) Regulations 1948(a), the National Insurance (Local Advisory Committees) Amendment Regulations 1953(b), and the Social Security (Local Advisory Committees) (Temporary Provisions) Regulations 1966(c) are hereby revoked.

Margaret Herbison,
Minister of Social Security.

13th February 1967.

(a) S. I. 1948/1741 (Rev. XVI, p. 86: 1948 I, p. 2783).
(b) S. I. 1953/1526 (1953 I, p. 1334).
(c) S. I. 1966/1095 (1966 II, p. 2680).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations, in accordance with section 27 of the Ministry of Social Security Act 1966, provide for the constitution of local advisory committees for the purpose of considering and advising upon questions bearing upon the administration of that Act and of the National Insurance Acts 1965 and 1966 and the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Acts 1965 and 1966. The regulations revoke and replace existing regulations which applied to the last two sets of Acts and also revoke the Social Security (Local Advisory Committees) (Temporary Provisions) Regulations 1966.