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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Mariners—Transitional Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975

Made . . . . . *21st March* 1975

Coming into operation . . . *6th April* 1975

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of powers conferred on it by paragraphs 7 and 9(1)(*c*) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) 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 (Mariners—Transitional Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975, and shall come into operation on 6th April 1975.

(2) In these regulations "the 1966 Act" means the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**b**).

(3) Any reference in these regulations to any provision made by or contained in any enactment or instrument shall, except in so far as the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to that provision as amended or extended by any enactment or instrument and as including a reference to any provision which it re-enacts or replaces, or which may re-enact or replace it with or without modification.

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

Winding up of reserve

2. For the purpose of facilitating the winding up of the system of insurance contained in the 1966 Act and the disposal of matters connected with that system, the reserve formed under regulation 6(2)(*a*) of the National Insurance (Mariners) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(**d**) (employer's contributions in respect of mariners employed on board British ships who neither are domiciled nor have places of residence in the United Kingdom to be applied partly towards the formation of a reserve for the purpose of meeting liabilities arising by virtue of any Order in Council giving effect to any reciprocal agreement made under section 99 of the 1966 Act) shall be wound up and two thirds of the said reserve paid to The Merchant Navy Welfare Board and one third paid to the Seamen's Special Fund (incorporated by Royal Charter under the name of The Royal Seamen's Pension Fund).

(a) 1975 c. 18
(b) 1966 c. 6 (N.I.)
(c) 1889 c. 63
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967 No. 108 (p. 323)

Continuance in force of certain provisions of the 1966 Act

3. The provisions of paragraphs 1(1) (effect of special savings on regulations) and 20(*c*) (continuance in force of a scheme relating to the Seamen's Special Fund) of Schedule 9 to the 1966 Act shall continue in force for transitional purposes, notwithstanding the repeal of the said Schedule 9 by section 100(2)(*b*) of, and Schedule 28 to, the Social Security Act 1973(e).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 21st March 1975.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

Regulation 6(2) of the National Insurance (Mariners) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 provided for employer's contributions in respect of mariners employed on board British ships who neither are domiciled nor have places of residence in the United Kingdom to be applied partly towards the formation of a reserve for the purpose of liabilities arising by virtue of any Order in Council giving effect to any reciprocal agreement made under section 99 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966.

Regulation 2 of these regulations provides for this reserve to be wound up and for two thirds of it to be paid to The Merchant Navy Welfare Board and one third to The Royal Seamen's Pension Fund.

Paragraph 20(*c*) of Schedule 9 to the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 provides for the special saving of section 66(1)(*e*) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1946 (c. 23), which relates to the continuing in force and administration of the schemes relating to the Seamen's Special Fund established for the purposes of section 138 of the National Health Insurance Act 1936 (c. 32), and paragraph 1(1) of that Schedule provides for the continuance in force of regulations made under provisions specially saved by Schedule 9.

Regulation 3 of these regulations provides for the continuance in force, for transitional purposes, of paragraphs 1(1) and 20(*c*) of Schedule 9.

(e) 1973 c. 38