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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Maximum Additional Component) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made . . . . . *2nd August* 1978

Coming into operation . . . . . *6th April* 1979

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 11(3) of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 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 (Maximum Additional Component) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1979.

(2) In these regulations "the Pensions Order" means the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 and other expressions have the same meaning as in the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(b).

Prescribed maximum additional component

2. For the purposes of Article 11(3) of the Pensions Order (increase of additional component of Category A retirement pension for surviving spouses) the maximum additional component in any tax year shall be—

(*a*) the amount of additional component to which a person would have been entitled under Article 8 of the Pensions Order if—

(i) he had reached pensionable age and retired on the first day of that tax year; and

(ii) in respect of each relevant year he had an earnings factor which, before any increase under Article 23 of the Pensions Order, is equal to 53 times that year's upper earnings limit; or

(*b*) where an order under section 120 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(c), increasing the sums of additional components, has taken effect, the amount as calculated in sub-paragraph (*a*) as it would have been increased by such an order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 2nd August 1978.

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(a) S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15)
(b) 1975 c. 15
(c) as extended by Article 25 of S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations prescribe a maximum additional component for the purposes of Article 11(3) of the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, which makes provision for circumstances in which the additional components in the Category A retirement pensions of surviving spouses should be increased up to that maximum.

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This Order has been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules Act (Northern Ireland) 1958. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.