STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1967

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The Minister of Social Security, in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 2 to the Ministry of Social Security Act 1966(**a**), and all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. These regulations which may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1967, shall be read as one with the Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1966(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on 3rd April 1967.

Regulation substituted for regulation 12 *of the principal regulations*

2. For regulation 12 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following regulation:—

"12.—(1) For the purposes of paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 2 to the Act (aggregation of benefit and such other payments as may be prescribed by the Minister for the purpose of disregarding negligible amounts and fractions of a shilling) the other payments there referred to shall be payments of unemployment benefit and retirement pension payable under the National Insurance Acts 1965(**c**) and 1966(**d**) and that sub-paragraph shall apply in the following circumstances:—

(*a*) where the Minister has arranged for the unemployment benefit and the benefit under the Act to be paid together whether in cash, by serial order or by draft; or

(*b*) subject to the following provisions of this regulation, where the Minister has arranged, or the Commission are satisfied that he will as soon as practicable arrange, for the retirement pension to be so paid together with the supplementary pension.

(2) Where a retirement pension and a supplementary pension were being paid separately to a beneficiary immediately before the date on which sub-paragraph (*b*) of the foregoing paragraph would otherwise apply in his case, that sub-paragraph shall not apply unless or until the determination with respect to the amount of his supplementary pension is reviewed.

(**a**) 1966 c. 20. (**b**) S.I. 1966/1067 (1966 II, p. 2622). (**c**) 1965 c. 51. (**d**) 1966 c. 6.

(3) Where the said sub-paragraph (*b*) applies in the case of a beneficiary and by reason of an election by him or otherwise his retirement pension and his supplementary pension cease to be paid together, the said sub-paragraph shall continue to apply in his case unless or until the determination with respect to the amount of the supplementary pension is reviewed.

(4) The said sub-paragraph (*b*) shall not apply to any case where the Commission are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances which make its application inappropriate."

Margaret Herbison,

Minister of Social Security.

17th March 1967.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1966. They add retirement pension to unemployment benefit as payments which are to be aggregated with benefit under the Ministry of Social Security Act 1966 for the purpose of disregarding negligible amounts and rounding to the nearest shilling. They specify that the circumstances shall be that the Minister has arranged or will as soon as practicable arrange for a retirement pension to be paid together with a supplementary pension, and make special provision for transitional and exceptional cases.