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WAGES COUNCILS

Wages Councils (Meetings and Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988

Made	*29th June 1988*
Coming into operation . .	*15th August 1988*

The Department of Economic Development, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 13(4) and 24(1) of, and paragraph 7 of Schedule 2 to, the Wages (Northern Ireland) Order 1988(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Wages Councils (Meetings and Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988 and shall come into operation on 15th August 1988.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"member" means a person for the time being appointed to be a member of a wages council;

"representative member" means a member appointed to represent employers or workers;

"independent member" means a member appointed as being an independent person; and

"chairman" means the independent member acting as chairman of any meeting of a wages council by virtue of an appointment made by the Department under paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to the Wages (Northern Ireland) Order 1988.

Quorum

3. In order to constitute a meeting of a wages council there shall be present at least one independent member and at least one third of the whole number of the representative members.

Voting

4. Subject to regulation 5, every member of a wages council present at a meeting of the council shall have one vote.

(a) S.I. 1988/796 (N.I. 7)

5.—(1) If the chairman of a meeting of a wages council thinks fit, or if more than half of the representative members present who represent employers, or who represent workers, request, a vote of the representative members shall be taken by sides and the vote of the majority of representative members present on each side shall be the vote of that side.

(2) On such a vote, the independent members shall not vote but in the event of the vote resulting in a disagreement between the two sides, the question may be decided by the majority vote of the independent members present or, if the chairman is the only independent member present, by the vote of the chairman.

Notice of meetings

6. Notice of a meeting of a wages council shall be deemed to be sufficiently given to a member if sent by post to his ordinary or last known address, but the accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any member shall not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting.

Revocation

7. The Wages Councils (Meetings and Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1946(**a**) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 29th June 1988.

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(**a**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1946 No. 34 p. 562

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations prescribe procedures which are to apply to the meetings of wages councils and relate to the quorum, the method of voting and notice of meetings. They revoke and replace the Wages Councils (Meetings and Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1946.