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**NATIONAL INSURANCE, INDUSTRIAL INJURIES
AND SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT****Commencement Order (Northern Ireland) 1973**

ORDER, DATED 6TH AUGUST 1973, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT ACT 1973.

WHEREAS by paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 to the National Insurance and Supplementary Benefit Act 1973(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1973"), as extended with adaptations to Northern Ireland, it is provided that certain provisions of that Act as so extended shall not come into force until such date or dates as the Minister of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland may by order appoint for those provisions or any of them:

AND WHEREAS by subsection (1)(a) of section 1 of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(b) it is provided that, so long as that section has effect, all functions which apart from that Act belong to any Minister of Northern Ireland shall be discharged by the Secretary of State:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State hereby makes the following order:

1. Subject to the provisions of Article 2, the day appointed for the coming into force of any provision of the Act of 1973 specified in column 1 of the Schedule, so far as that provision relates to any subject matter specified in column 2 of that Schedule, shall be the date specified in column 3 thereof in relation to that subject matter.

2.—(1) As respects the period beginning with 1st October 1973 and ending with 3rd October 1973, the rate of a person's unemployment benefit, sickness benefit or invalidity pension for any day in that period by virtue of section 18(3) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(c) or Article 3(4) of the Social Services (Parity) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971(d) (rate of unemployment benefit, sickness benefit or invalidity pension for persons over pensionable age who have not retired from regular employment) shall be determined as if the day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Act of 1973 relating to higher rates of retirement pension under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 were 4th October 1973.

(2) In a case where the weekly rate of retirement pension payable to a person who has retired from regular employment falls to be increased under the provisions of Article 3(6) of the Social Services (Parity) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971 (increase, in certain cases, of retirement pension by reference to pensioner's previous entitlement to invalidity allowance), the amount of the increase payable to that person shall be determined as if the day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Act of 1973 relating to invalidity allowance were 1st October 1973.

(a) 1973. c. 42.
(b) 1972. c. 22.

(c) 1966. c. 6 (N.I.).
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 224.

(3) In the case of a person to whom injury benefit under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(e) is payable for 3rd October 1973 at a reduced weekly rate by virtue of the provisions of section 29 of that Act (adjustments for successive accidents), the rate of that injury benefit and of any sickness benefit under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 or invalidity pension under the Social Services (Parity) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971 shall be determined as if the day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Act of 1973 relating to higher rates of those benefits were 3rd October 1973 and, where appropriate, as if the reference to 4th October in paragraph (1) were a reference to 3rd October 1973.

3. This order may be cited as the National Insurance, Industrial Injuries and Supplementary Benefit (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973.

Dated this 6th day of August 1973.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

SCHEDULE

Article 1

<i>Provisions of the National Insurance and Supplementary Benefit Act 1973</i> 1	<i>Subject Matter</i> 2	<i>Appointed Day</i> 3
Section 1(1) and Schedule 1	Rates of benefit under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 in the case of— (a) unemployment, sickness and invalidity benefit (b) attendance allowance, maternity allowance, widow's benefit, guardian's allowance, retirement pension, age addition and child's special allowance	4th October 1973 1st October 1973
Section 1(2)	Calculation of earnings-related supplement and widow's supplementary allowance	1st October 1973
Section 2(1) and (2) and Schedule 2	Flat-rate and graduated contributions under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966	1st October 1973
Section 2(3)	Amendment relating to amount of income for exception from liability for contributions	1st October 1973
Section 2(4)	Payments to the National Insurance Fund out of money provided by Parliament in addition to Exchequer supplements	1st October 1973
Section 3(1) and Schedule 3	Rates and amounts of benefit under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 in the case of— (a) injury benefit (including increases thereof) and increases of disablement pension in respect of children and adult dependants in the case of a beneficiary receiving, as an in-patient in a hospital or similar institution, medical treatment for the relevant injury or loss of faculty (b) disablement benefit (including increases of disablement pension other than those referred to in sub-paragraph (a)), increase of unemployability supplement under section 13A, maximum	4th October 1973