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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 160**

**NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Modification) Order 2016**

*Made* - - - - *10th February 2016*  
*Laid before Parliament* *11th February 2016*  
*Coming into force* - - *3rd March 2016*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 10th day of February 2016  
Present,  
The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

This Order is made by Her Majesty in Council in exercise of the power conferred by section 87(7) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998(1).

Her Majesty considers it expedient to modify section 87(6) of that Act.

Accordingly Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, makes the following Order.

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Modification) Order 2016 and comes into force on 3rd March 2016.

**Modification of the Northern Ireland Act 1998**

2. In section 87(6) (consultation and co-ordination) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 at the end add—

“(x) the Welfare Reform Act 2012(2) and the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015(3);

(y) the Pensions Act 2014(4) and the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015(5);

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(1) 1998 c.47. Section 87 was amended by section 64(3) of the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c.21) and modified by S.I.s 2000/741, 2000/3254, 2002/265, 2003/1890, 2006/2659, 2008/1242 and 2009/885.  
(2) 2012 c.5.  
(3) S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.).  
(4) 2014 c.19.  
(5) 2015 c.5 (N.I.).

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(z) the Pension Schemes Act 2015<sup>(6)</sup> and the Pension Schemes Act (Northern Ireland) 2016<sup>(7)</sup>.”.

*Ceri King*  
Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council

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<sup>(6)</sup> 2015. c.8.  
<sup>(7)</sup> 2016 c.1 (N.I.).

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order adds the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c.5), Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.)), the Pensions Act 2014 (c.19), the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c.5), the Pension Schemes Act 2015 (c.8) and the Pension Schemes Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.1) to the legislation listed in section 87(6) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c.47). The effect of this modification will be to render those Acts and that Order subject to the provisions in section 87 concerning consultation and co-ordination between the Secretary of State and the Northern Ireland Minister having responsibility for social security, with a view to securing that, to the extent agreed between them, the legislation provides a single system of social security and pensions for the United Kingdom.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this Order as it has no impact on business or civil society organisations.