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THE SOCIAL SECURITY (SELF EMPLOYED PERSONS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS made in exercise of the power contained in sections 19, 21, 26 and 47 of the Social Security Act, Cap. 408.

1. Short title

These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Self Employed Persons) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014.

2. Interpretation

In these Regulation “principal Regulations” means the Social Security (Self Employed Persons) Regulations 2013, S.I. No.17 of 2013.

3. Amendment of Regulation 4

The principal Regulation is amended in regulation 4 as follows—

- (1) By repealing the date “1st June, 2013” and substituting the date “1st May, 2013”.

4. Amendment of Regulation 7

The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 7 by removing the word “Schedule 2” in sub-regulation (3) and substituting the words “the Schedule.”.

5. Amendment of Regulation 9

The principal Regulations are amended—

- (a) by repealing the sub-regulation (1) of regulation 9 and substituting the following —

“(1) The rate of contribution shall be ten percent (10%) of the insurable earnings, as declared by the self employed person in accordance with the Schedule, or at such rate as the Minister may by regulation made under section 21 of the Social Security Act determine”;

- (b) in sub-regulation (3) by inserting the word “is” after the word “Declarant”.

6. Amendment of Regulation 10

The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 10—

- (a) by re-numbering sub-regulation (3) as sub-regulation (4);
- (b) by inserting the following sub-regulation after sub-regulation (2)—

“(3) If during the course of a calendar month the employment of a self employed person ceases or is interrupted because of sickness, pregnancy, change of employment status or other circumstances which might affect his ability to pay contribution for the whole month, he shall nevertheless be liable—

- (a) to pay contributions in respect of that part of the month during which he was self-employed, that is up to the day immediately preceding the date of cessation;
- (b) to pay all contributions payable in respect of his self-employment up to when he ceases to be self-employed.”.

7. Amendment of Regulation 12

The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 12 by repealing the word “the” in line 2 of sub-regulation (1)

8. Amendment of Regulation 15

The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 15

- (a) by repealing the sub regulation (1) and substituting the following—

“(1) for the purpose of sickness benefits for self-employed persons the Social Security (Benefits) (Sickness) Regulations shall apply.”

- (b) by repealing the word “(Benefits Maternity)” in sub-regulation (2) and substituting the words “(Benefits) (Maternity)”.

9. Amendment of Regulation 20

The principal Regulations are amended by repealing regulation 20 and substituting the following—

“20 Any contribution paid in error by a self-employed person shall be returned by the Director on application to that person and in accordance with regulation 5 (4) of the Contributions- Miscellaneous Provisions Regulations.”.

10. Amendment of Regulation 22

The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 22 by inserting the number “(1)” at the beginning of the word “Any” in line one.

11. Amendment of Schedule

The principal Regulations are amended in the Schedule by repealing the number “\$6,000” and substituting the number “6,500” in the column headed Declared Earnings.

Made the 16th day of September, 2014.

Hon. Gaston A. Browne,
*Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and
Corporate Governance and Minister responsible for
Social Security.*