1981 No. 290

INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES

Industrial and Provident Societies (Increase in Shareholding Limit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made	*1st September 1981*
Coming into operation . . .	*2nd November 1981*

The Registrar of Friendly Societies, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Article 4 of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976(**a**) and of every other power enabling him in that behalf, with the consent of the Department of Commerce hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. The regulations may be cited as the Industrial and Provident Societies (Increase in Shareholding Limit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 2nd November 1981.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations "the Act" means the Industrial and Provident Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(**b**).

Increase in shareholding limit

3. In section 6(1) of the Act for "five thousand pounds"(**c**) (denoting the limit on the interest any one member may have or claim in shares of a society registered under the Act) there shall be substituted "ten thousand pounds".

Powers of committees of societies

4.—(1) Where immediately before the coming into operation of these regulations the registered rules of a registered society permitted members other than members exempt from the limit under the said section 6(1) to hold the maximum of five thousand pounds then laid down thereby, the committee may, by a resolution recorded in writing, resolve that members may be permitted to hold such greater amount not exceeding ten thousand pounds as may be specified in the resolution, and the registered rules shall have effect accordingly.

(2) The power conferred on the committees of registered societies by paragraph (1) shall not be exercisable after the expiration of the period of eighteen months beginning with the date on which these regulations come into operation; and if any amendment of the rules of a society is made after the coming into operation of these regulations and before the expiration of the time allowed by this paragraph for exercising that power the power shall cease to be exercisable by the committee of that society on the date on which the amendment is registered under section 9 of the Act.

(3) The committee of a registered society shall not have power to vary or revoke a resolution under paragraph (1).

(**a**) S.I. 1976/425 (N.I. 7)
(**b**) 1969 c. 24 (N.I.)
(**c**) As substituted by S.I. 1976/425 (N.I. 7) Art. 3(1)

(4) Where the committee of a registered society has exercised the power to pass a resolution under paragraph (1) and an amendment of the society's rules is subsequently registered under section 9 of the Act the registered rules of the society shall thereupon have effect as if the resolution had not been passed, so, however, that this paragraph shall not affect any interest in the shares of the society held by a member immediately before the date on which the amendment is registered.

Dated this 1st day of September 1981.

J. Martin
Registrar of Friendly Societies

The Department of Commerce hereby consents to the foregoing regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland on 1st September 1981.

(L.S.) *W. T. McCrory*
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations increase from £5,000 to £10,000 the limit on the interest which individual members may have or claim in the shares of a society, other than a credit union, registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969. The limit originally specified in section 6(1) of the Act was increased from £1,000 to £5,000 in 1976 by Article 3(1) of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976.

The Regulations also empower the committee of a society, subject to certain conditions, to give effect to the increase by resolution recorded in writing thereby enabling members to take advantage of the new limit immediately it becomes effective without the rules of the society being amended.