

**2012 No. 647**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases)  
Amendment Regulations 2012**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>1st March 2012</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>6th March 2012</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>30th March 2012</i>

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 108(2), 122(1) and 175(1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(a).

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions is satisfied that the conditions referred to in section 108(2) of that Act are met.

In accordance with section 172(2) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(b), reference has been made to the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations 2012 and come into force on 30th March 2012.

**Amendment of Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations 1985**

2.—(1) Part I of Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations 1985(c) (list of prescribed diseases and the occupations for which they are prescribed) is amended as follows.

(2) For the entry relating to prescribed disease A4(d) (task-specific focal dystonia) substitute—

“A4.	Task-specific focal dystonia of the hand or forearm.	Prolonged periods of handwriting, typing or other repetitive movements of the fingers, hand or arm.”
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(a) 1992 c.4. Section 122(1) is an interpretation provision and is cited for the definition of the word “prescribe”. Section 175(1) was amended by paragraph 29 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c.2).  
(b) 1992 c.5.  
(c) S.I. 1985/967; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1996/425 and 2003/270.  
(d) The entry relating to prescribed disease A4 was substituted by S.I. 2007/811.

(3) At the end of the entry relating to prescribed disease A14(a) (osteoarthritis of the knee) add—

		“Work wholly or mainly fitting or laying carpets or floors (other than concrete floors) for a period of, or periods which amount in aggregate to, 20 years or more.”
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(4) For the entry relating to prescribed disease C3 (poisoning by phosphorus or inorganic and organic phosphorus compounds) substitute—

“C3. (a)	Phossy Jaw.	Work involving the use or handling of, or exposure to, white phosphorus.
C3. (b)	Peripheral polyneuropathy or peripheral polyneuropathy with pyramidal involvement of the central nervous system, caused by organic compounds of phosphorus which inhibit the enzyme neuropathy target esterase.	Work involving the use or handling of, or exposure to, organic compounds of phosphorus.”

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

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Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
Department for Work and Pensions

1st March 2012

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations 1985 (S.I. 1985/697) (“the 1985 Regulations”), which prescribe diseases for which industrial injuries benefit is payable.

Regulation 2 amends Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the 1985 Regulations by adding osteoarthritis of the knee as it relates to carpet fitters and carpet and floor layers and makes amendments to the prescriptions of prescribed diseases A4 and C3.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on private sector and civil society organisations.

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(a) The entry relating to prescribed disease A14 was inserted by S.I. 2009/1396.



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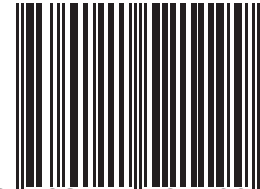
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