I, JOAN BURTON, Minister for Social Protection, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 1(4) of the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2014 (No. 16 of 2014), hereby order as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2014 (Section 6) (Commencement) Order 2014.

2. The 1st day of January 2015 is appointed as the day on which section 6 of the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2014 (No. 16 of 2014) shall come into operation.

GIVEN under my Official Seal,
24 November 2014.

JOAN BURTON,
Minister for Social Protection.

Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in “Iris Oifigiúil” of 28th November, 2014.
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

Section 6 of the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2014 clarifies the powers contained in the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 which enable the Minister for Social Protection to make regulations to provide for refunds of employer PRSI contributions in the case of certain seafarers. The seafarers in question are those employed on board vessels that are registered in a Member State of the EU or European Economic Area and which provide scheduled passenger services between ports within those States.

This Order provides for the commencement of section 6 of the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2014 with effect from 1 January 2015.