STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 432

HOUSING; RATES

The Housing Benefit (State Pension Credit and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made	-	-	-	-	-	1st October 2003
Coming	g into	oper	ation			5th October 2003

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 122(1)(d) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act $1992(\mathbf{a})$ and now vested in it(**b**), and paragraphs 3(1) and 20(1) and (3) of Schedule 7 to the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) $2000(\mathbf{c})$, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**d**), and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of those Regulations should not be referred to it(**e**), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit (State Pension Credit and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 5th October 2003.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) $1954(\mathbf{f})$ shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Amendment of the Housing Benefit (State Pension Credit and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations

2. In regulation 4(3) of the Housing Benefit (State Pension Credit and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(g), in inserted paragraph (6C), for the words from "paragraph 4 of Schedule 7" to the end of that paragraph, there shall be substituted "Article 10 or 11 of the 1998 Order or on an appeal under Article 13 of that Order.".

⁽a) 1992 c. 7

⁽**b**) See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481

⁽c) 2000 c. 4 (N.I.)

⁽d) See section 171(6A) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 as inserted by Article 3(3) of the Social Security (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/1579 (N.I. 8)); see also Article 6(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481

⁽e) See section 150(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)

⁽f) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

⁽g) S.R. 2003 No. 418

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 1st October 2003.

(L.S.) John O'Neill Senior Officer of the Department for Social Development

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby consents to these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 2nd October 2003.

(L.S.) Linda Wilson Senior Officer of the Department of Finance and Personnel

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend regulation 4(3) of the Housing Benefit (State Pension Credit and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003, which inserted paragraph (6C).

Regulation 2 substitutes words in the new paragraph (6C) of regulation 4 of the Housing Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 so as to cite provisions in the Social Security Order 1998 (S.R. 1998/1506 (N.I. 10)) relating to revisions, supersessions and appeals.

These Regulations do not impose a cost on business.

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