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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations provide for the furnishing of information or evidence required in connection with the determination of any application under the Child Support Act 1991 ( “the Act ”), or questions arising in connection with such an application, or related to the collection or enforcement of child support maintenance or other maintenance under the Act. The Regulations also provide for the disclosure, by the Secretary of State or a child support officer, of information held by them for the purposes of the Act.

Regulation 1 contains interpretation provisions.

Regulation 2 prescribes the persons who are under a duty to furnish information or evidence, and regulation 3 prescribes the purposes for which information or evidence may be required.

Regulation 4 prescribes the information that can be obtained from an appropriate authority in connection with housing benefit or council tax benefit.

Regulation 5 makes provision as to time limits for furnishing information or evidence, and regulation 6 provides for a continuing duty of persons with care.

Regulation 7 provides for inspectors appointed under section 15 of the Act to enter Crown premises for the purpose of exercising powers conferred by that section.

Regulation 8 provides for the disclosure of information by the Secretary of State or a child support officer to a court or tribunal, and regulation 9 for the disclosure of information to an appropriate authority for use in the exercise of its functions relating to housing benefit or council tax benefit.

Regulation 10 provides for the disclosure of information by a child support officer to the Secretary of State in connection with the Secretary of State’s functions under the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and the Social Security Administration Act 1992.

Regulation 11 prescribes employments, additional to those specified in section 50 of the Act, to which the provisions of that section, relating to the unauthorised disclosure of information, apply.