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PART I
CHILD SUPPORT

Maintenance calculations and default and interim maintenance decisions

Default and interim maintenance decisions

4. For Article 14 of the Child Support Order (interim maintenance assessments) there shall be substituted—

“Default and interim maintenance decisions

14.—(1) Where the Department—

- (a) is required to make a maintenance calculation; or
- (b) is proposing to make a decision under Article 18 or 19,

and it appears to the Department that it does not have sufficient information to enable it to do so, it may make a default maintenance decision.

(2) Where an application for a variation has been made under Article 28A(1) in connection with an application for a maintenance calculation (or in connection with such an application which is treated as having been made), the Department may make an interim maintenance decision.

(3) The amount of child support maintenance fixed by an interim maintenance decision shall be determined in accordance with Part I of Schedule 1.

(4) The Department may by regulations make provision as to default and interim maintenance decisions.

- (5) The regulations may, in particular, make provision as to—
- (a) the procedure to be followed in making a default or an interim maintenance decision; and
 - (b) a default rate of child support maintenance to apply where a default maintenance decision is made.”.