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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 999**

**The Welfare Reform and Work (Northern Ireland) Order 2016**

*Payments under Articles 135 and 137 of the 2015 Order*

**Regulations as to payments under Articles 135 and 137 of the 2015 Order**

**18.**—(1) In Article 135 of the 2015 Order (discretionary support)—

(a) in paragraph (3) for sub-paragraph (h) substitute—

“(h) for the recovery by the Department in prescribed circumstances and by prescribed means (which may include any of the means mentioned in section 69ZB(7) of the Administration Act) of any amount of payments made under this Article;”;

(b) in paragraph (3)(i) at the end add “ and for appeals against such decisions ”;

(c) after paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (3), regulations may make any provision referred to in that paragraph by applying to, or in relation to, discretionary support (with or without prescribed modifications) any statutory provision which applies to, or in relation to, a particular social security benefit or a class or description of such benefits.”

(2) In Article 137 (payments to persons suffering financial disadvantage)—

(a) in paragraph (1) after “this Order” insert “ , the Welfare Reform and Work (Northern Ireland) Order 2016 ”;

(b) in paragraph (3) for sub-paragraph (i) substitute—

“(i) for the recovery by the Department in prescribed circumstances and by prescribed means (which may include any of the means mentioned in section 69ZB(7) of the Administration Act) of any amount of payments made in excess of entitlement ;”;

(c) in paragraph (3)(j) at the end add “ and for appeals against such decisions ”;

(d) in paragraph (3)(k) after “functions” insert “ (including functions as to the disclosure of information) ”;

(e) after paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraphs (2) and (3), regulations may make any provision referred to in those paragraphs by applying to, or in relation to, payments (with or without prescribed modifications) any statutory provision which applies to, or in relation to, a particular social security benefit or a class or description of such benefits.”

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Welfare Reform and Work (Northern Ireland) Order 2016, Section 18.