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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 7(1) of the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Personnel(b), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

- 1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 7th October 1991.
- (2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(c).

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations

- 2. In regulation 2(1) of the principal regulations (weekly rates of child benefit)—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (a), for "£8·25" there shall be substituted "£9·25";
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (b), for "£7.25" there shall be substituted "£7.50".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 16th July 1991.

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Assistant Secretary

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 16th July 1991.

(L.s.) J. H. Caldwell

Assistant Secretary

⁽a) S.I. 1975/1504 (N.I. 16)

⁽b) Formerly the Department of Finance: see S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6), Article 3. See also Article 24(1)(a) of the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975

⁽c) S.R. 1976 No. 223; the relevant amending rules are S.R. 1977 No. 248, S.R. 1980 No. 37 and S.R. 1991 Nos. 77 and 82

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 by providing that the weekly rate of child benefit in respect of the only, elder or eldest child shall be increased to £9.25 and in respect of other children to £7.50.

The regulations correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Security in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980 (c. 30), are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.