STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1993 No. 159

The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 12th April 1993.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"the Administration Act" means the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

"the up-rating order" means the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 1993(1).

Exceptions relating to payment of additional benefit under awards made before the commencing date

2. Section 135(3) of the Administration Act shall not apply if a question arises as to either—

- (a) the weekly rate at which the benefit is payable by virtue of the up-rating order; or
- (b) whether the conditions for the receipt of the benefit at the altered rate are satisfied,

until the question has been determined in accordance with the provisions of the Administration Act.

Persons not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland

3. Regulation 5 of the Social Security Benefit (Persons Abroad) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978(**2**) (application of disqualification in respect of up-rating of benefit) shall apply to any additional benefit payable by virtue of the up-rating order.

Amendment of the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity, Benefit) Regulations

4. In regulation 3(3) of the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(**3**) (persons deemed to be incapable of work) for "£40.50" there shall be substituted "£42.00".

⁽¹⁾ S.R. 1993 No. 150

⁽²⁾ S.R. 1978 No. 114; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1979 No. 392, S.R. 1988 No. 77, S.R. 1989 No. 373, S.R 1990 No. 123 and S.R. 1992 No. 330

⁽³⁾ S.R. 1984 No. 245; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1987 No. 221, S.R. 1992 Nos. 112 and 146

Amendment of the Social Security (General Benefit) Regulations

5. In regulation 14 of the Social Security (General Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(4) (earnings level for the purpose of unemployability supplement) for "£2,106" there shall be substituted "£2,184".

Earnings limit

6. The sums specified in paragraph 2B of Schedule 2 to the Social Security Benefit (Dependency) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977(5) (prescribed circumstances for increase of an invalid care allowance) shall be increased from $\pounds 115$, $\pounds 15$ and $\pounds 115$ to $\pounds 120$, $\pounds 16$ and $\pounds 120$ respectively.

Revocation

7. The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(6) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on

L.S.

31st March 1993.

A. Devlin Assistant Secretary

⁽⁴⁾ S.R. 1984 No. 92; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1992 No. 112

⁽⁵⁾ S.R. 1977 No. 74; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1984 No. 382 and S.R. 1992 No. 112

⁽⁶⁾ S.R. 1992 No. 112