STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 426

FAMILY LAW CHILD SUPPORT

The Child Support Commissioners (Procedure)
(Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Made - - - - 21st September 1997

To be laid before Parliament

Coming into operation 1st November 1997

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 25(6) and (7) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to, the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(1) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Child Support Commissioners (Procedure) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 1st November 1997.

Amendment of the Child Support Commissioners (Procedure) Regulations

- **2.**—(1) The Child Support Commissioners (Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993(2) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (5).
- (2) In regulation 1(2) (interpretation) after the definition of "Commissioner" there shall be inserted the following definition—
 - ""full statement of the tribunal's decision" means the statement referred to in regulation 13(3A) of the Child Support Appeal Tribunals (Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993(3);".
- (3) In regulation 2(1)(a) (application to the chairman of an appeal tribunal or to a Commissioner for leave to appeal to a Commissioner) for "notice of the decision of the tribunal" there shall be substituted "the full statement of the tribunal's decision".

⁽¹⁾ S.I.1991/2628 (N.I. 23)

⁽²⁾ S.R. 1993 No. 42; to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations

⁽³⁾ S.R. 1993 No. 50; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1996 No. 457

- (4) In regulation 3(1) (notice of application for leave to appeal to a Commissioner) for "a copy of the decision against which leave to appeal is being sought" there shall be substituted "a copy of the full statement of the tribunal's decision against which leave to appeal is being sought".
- (5) In regulation 5 (notice of appeal) for "decision" there shall be substituted "full statement of the tribunal's decision".

Dated 21st September 1997.

Irvine of Lairg, C.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Child Support Commissioners (Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 to provide that:

- the time limit for making an application to the chairman of a child support appeal tribunal for leave to appeal to a Commissioner shall begin with the date on which the applicant receives the tribunal's statement of the reasons for its decision and of its findings on questions of fact material thereto;
- any application for leave to appeal or any appeal from a child support appeal tribunal shall be accompanied by a copy of the full statement of the tribunal's decision.