## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides for the coming into operation of provisions of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 as follows—

9th September 1998 for provisions relating to use of computers, procedure, short-term incapacity benefit and consequential amendments and repeals;

9th September 1998 for provisions relating to national insurance contributions for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations or orders and from 6th April 1999 for all other purposes;

5th October 1998 for Article 71 relating to overpayments out of the social fund; and

6th April 1999 for Article 69 relating to statutory sick pay, and consequential repeals.