EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 by altering the amount of the adjustments of benefits payable under the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 by reference to the new rates of child benefit payable.

The Regulations also provide for the commencement of the adjustment to coincide with the Social Security Benefits Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 1999.

These Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding 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 149(3) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.