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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2004 No. 82**

**The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2004**

**PART I**

**INTRODUCTION**

**Citation, commencement and effect**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2004 and, subject to paragraph (2), shall come into operation for the purposes of –

- (a) Articles 1, 2 and 6 on 1st April 2004;
- (b) Article 8, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 1st April 2004 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Computation of Earnings Regulations;
- (c) Articles 10 and 11 on 4th April 2004;
- (d) Article 9 on 6th April 2004;
- (e) Articles 3 to 5, 7, 12 and 13 and 24 on 12th April 2004;
- (f) Articles 14, 15 and 25 on 15th April 2004;
- (g) Articles 16 to 18, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 12th April 2004 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Income Support Regulations;
- (h) Articles 19 and 20, in relation to a case where rent is payable at intervals of a week or any multiple thereof, on 5th April 2004, and in relation to any other case, on 1st April 2004; and
- (i) Articles 21 to 23, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 12th April 2004 and, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations.

(2) The increases made –

- (a) in the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit under the Contributions and Benefits Act or the Pension Schemes Act; and
  - (b) by Article 21(c), in so far as it is relevant for the purposes referred to in Article 6(11),
- shall take effect for each case on the date specified in relation to that case in Article 6.