EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Housing Benefit (Executive Determinations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 to make changes to the manner in which the local housing allowance is determined.

Regulation 2 amends the above Regulations in order to provide that, for all broad rental market areas, the local housing allowance for a category of dwelling or accommodation is either the local housing allowance determined for that category of dwelling or accommodation on 30th January 2015 (or, where the allowance is later amended or redetermined, the allowance as so amended or redetermined), or the rent at the 30th percentile determined in accordance with the above Regulations where that rent is lower than that allowance.

In consequence of that change these Regulations omit the provisions in the above Regulations that provided for the local housing allowance to be calculated in a particular way for certain listed broad rental market areas.