STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 1082

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (National Insurance Number Information: Exemption) Regulations 2000

Made - - - - 17th April 2000
Laid before Parliament 19th April 2000
Coming into force - - 15th May 2000

The Secretary of State for Social Security, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 13(1C), 189(1), (3) and (4) and 191 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(1) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, by this instrument which contains only regulations made by virtue of section 69 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999(2) and is made before the end of the period of six months beginning with the coming into force of that enactment(3), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

- **1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (National Insurance Number Information: Exemption) Regulations 2000 and shall come into force on 15th May 2000.
- (2) For the purposes of any regulation introduced by these Regulations, "the Administration Act" means the Social Security Administration Act 1992.

Amendment of the Child Benefit (General) Regulations

2. In the Child Benefit (General) Regulations 1976(**4**), after regulation 17, insert the following regulation—

"Disapplication of section 13(1A) of the Administration Act

17A. Section 13(1A) of the Administration Act (requirement to state national insurance number) shall not apply to a claim for child benefit in respect of a child who is living with a voluntary organisation within the meaning of regulation 17 of these Regulations.".

^{(1) 1992} c. 5; subsection (1A) to (1C) of section 13 were inserted by section 69 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999; section 191 is an interpretation provision and is cited for the definition of "prescribe".

^{(2) 1999} c. 30.

⁽³⁾ See section 173(5)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992.

⁽⁴⁾ S.I.1976/965; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1978/540, 1980/1045 and 1987/357.

Amendment of the Social Security (Guardian's Allowances) Regulations 1975

3. In the Social Security (Guardian's Allowances) Regulations 1975(5), regulation 1A(6) is omitted.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Security.

Jeff Rooker Minister of State, Department of Social Security

17th April 2000

⁽⁵⁾ S.I. 1975/515; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1977/342 and 1985/1327.
(6) Regulation 1A was inserted by S.I. 1997/2676, regulation 7.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Child Benefit (General) Regulations 1976 in order to provide that section 13(1A) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 ("the Act") (as inserted by section 69 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999) shall not apply to claims for child benefit made in respect of children in the care of voluntary organisations (regulation 2).

In addition, these Regulations further amend the Social Security (Guardian's Allowances) Regulations 1975 in order to remove the exemption from the requirement to state a national insurance number when claiming Guardian's Allowance (regulation 3). The exemption existed because payment of Guardian's Allowance is dependent upon receipt of Child Benefit and, prior to the coming into force of section 13(1A) of the Act, there was no requirement to state, or apply for, a national insurance number when claiming Child Benefit.

These Regulations are made before the end of six months beginning with the coming into force of section 69 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999; they are accordingly exempt from referral to the Social Security Advisory Committee under section 173(5)(b) of the Act and have not been so referred.

These Regulations do not impose any costs on business.