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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2014 No. 3270**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment  
(Amendment) Regulations 2014**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>10th December 2014</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>15th December 2014</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>21st September 2015</i>

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 138(2) and (4) and 175(1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(1).

In accordance with section 173(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(2), the Secretary of State has obtained the agreement of the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it(3).

**Citation and Commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Amendment) Regulations 2014 and come into force on 21st September 2015.

**Amendment of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2000**

2.—(1) The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2000(4) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(1)(a)(ii) (social fund winter fuel payments) for the words from “Switzerland” to the end of paragraph (ii), substitute “any of the countries listed in the Schedule to these Regulations”.

(3) At the end of the Regulations, insert—

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(1) 1992 c.4. Amendments not relevant to these Regulations have been made to section 138. Section 175(1) was amended by paragraph 29(2) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c.2).  
(2) 1992 c.5.  
(3) See sections 170, 172(1) and 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c.5). Amendments not relevant to these Regulations have been made to section 170.  
(4) S.I. 2000/729. Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2003/1737, 2003/2192, 2004/2154, 2008/1554, 2009/1488 and 2013/1509.

“SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

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*Countries*

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Republic of Austria  
Kingdom of Belgium  
Republic of Bulgaria  
Republic of Croatia  
Czech Republic  
Kingdom of Denmark  
Republic of Estonia  
Republic of Finland  
Federal Republic of Germany  
Republic of Hungary  
Republic of Iceland  
Republic of Ireland  
Republic of Italy  
Republic of Latvia  
Principality of Liechtenstein  
Republic of Lithuania  
Grand Duchy of Luxembourg  
Kingdom of the Netherlands  
Kingdom of Norway  
Republic of Poland  
Republic of Romania  
Slovak Republic  
Republic of Slovenia  
Kingdom of Sweden  
Swiss Confederation.”

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

10th December 2014

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2000. They restrict entitlement to winter fuel payment for some of those living abroad. These payments are presently payable to certain eligible older people ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom or habitually resident in Switzerland or an EEA state other than the United Kingdom. The payments to those living abroad will now be restricted to eligible people habitually resident in the countries in Europe listed in the Schedule inserted by these Regulations.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for these Regulations as they have no impact on the private sector or civil society organisations.