

**AGE-RELATED PAYMENTS
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004**

S.I. 2004 No. 1987 (N.I. 11)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES

Article 7: Procedure

Paragraph (1) makes provision for the Department to make payments before 31 December 2004 without requiring a claim, where it has sufficient information to determine entitlement.

Paragraph (2) allows claims to be made when a qualifying person has not automatically received a payment before 31 December 2004. Paragraph (3) provides in sub-paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) how, and in sub-paragraph (b) by when, the claim must be made. Paragraph (4) makes provision for payments to be made when valid claims are made.

Paragraph (5) applies the provisions of Chapter II of Part II of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/1506 (N.I. 10)) which provides, inter alia, for an individual to appeal against a decision and for the Department to revise decisions.