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SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Income Support (General) (Amendment No. 5)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993**

Made 13th December 1993

Coming into operation 10th January 1994

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(a) and 131(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Income Support (General) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 10th January 1994.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(b) shall apply to these regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of Schedule 3 to the Income Support (General) Regulations

2. In Schedule 3 to the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(c) (housing costs)—

(a) in paragraph 8(1) (interest on loans for repairs and improvements to the dwelling occupied as the home) for the words preceding “(b) paying off”, there shall be substituted—

“8.—(1) Subject to paragraph 7A, there shall be met under this paragraph interest payable on any loan which is taken out, with or without security, for the purpose of—

(a) repairs and improvements to which paragraph 1(b) refers;
or”;

(b) in paragraph 8(3) after “dwelling occupied as the home”, in each place in which it occurs, there shall be inserted “or where the dwelling forms part of a building any part of the building containing that dwelling”; and

(c) in paragraph 9(2) (other housing costs) for head (c) there shall be substituted the following head—

(a) 1992 c. 7

(b) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(c) S.R. 1987 No. 459; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1990 Nos. 131 and 346, and S.R. 1993 Nos. 28 and 311

“(c) any amount for repairs and improvements, and for this purpose the expression “repairs and improvements” has the same meaning it has in paragraph 8(3).”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 13th December 1993.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend Schedule 3 to the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987, which relates to eligible housing costs. They provide that amounts for service charges in respect of repairs and improvements to either the dwelling occupied as the home or, where the dwelling is part only of a building, to that building, are not to be taken into account in determining housing costs, but that interest on loans taken out to pay for service charges for repairs and improvements to such a dwelling are to be met.

These regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Security in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 149(3) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8), are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.