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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2011 No. 298**

**The Social Security (Electronic Communications) Order (Northern Ireland) 2011**

**Amendment of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations**

4.—(1) The Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996<sup>(1)</sup> are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 1 (interpretation) after paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) In such cases and subject to such conditions or requirements as the Department may specify by means of a direction, any requirement imposed by or under these Regulations for a signature may be satisfied by means of an electronic signature (within the meaning given in section 7(2) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000).”.

(3) After regulation 24<sup>(2)</sup> (provision of information and evidence) insert—

**“Information given electronically**

**24A.**—(1) A person may give any certificate, notice, information or evidence required to be given and in particular may give notice of a change of circumstances required to be notified under regulation 24 by means of an electronic communication in accordance with the provisions set out in Schedule 8D to the Claims and Payments Regulations.

(2) In this regulation “electronic communication” has the meaning given in section 4(1) of the Communications Act (Northern Ireland) 2001<sup>(3)</sup>.”.

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(1) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1996 No. 358, S.R. 2000 Nos. 37, 255 and 350, S.R. 2001 No. 175 and S.R. 2006 No. 168

(2) Regulation 24 was amended by regulation 8 of S.R. 1996 No. 358, regulation 2(4) of S.R. 2000 No. 37, regulation 2(3) of S.R. 2000 No. 255, paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to S.R. 2000 No. 350, paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to S.R. 2001 No. 175 and regulation 3 of S.R. 2006 No. 168

(3) The definition of “electronic communication” was amended by paragraph 170 of Schedule 17 to the Communications Act 2003 (c. 21)