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DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No.**

**The Welfare Reform and Work (Northern Ireland) Order 2016**

*Loans for mortgage interest, etc.*

**Transitional provisions**

16.—(1) Regulations may make such transitional or transitory provision or savings as the Department considers necessary or expedient in connection with the coming into force of Articles 13 to 15.

(2) The regulations may include provision for temporarily excluding the making of a loan under regulations under Article 13 after the coming into force of Articles 13 to 15.

(3) The regulations may in particular—

- (a) provide for a temporary exclusion to continue until a time or times specified in a notice issued by the Department;
- (b) enable the Department to issue notices under sub-paragraph (a) specifying different times for different persons or descriptions of person.

(4) The regulations may include provision for enabling assistance with payments in respect of accommodation occupied as a home to be given by means of a qualifying benefit after the coming into force of Articles 13 to 15 (including where the making of loans is temporarily excluded).

(5) The regulations may in particular—

- (a) provide for legislation that has been repealed or revoked to be treated as having effect;
- (b) provide for assistance by means of a qualifying benefit to continue until a time or times specified in a notice issued by the Department;
- (c) enable the Department to issue notices under sub-paragraph (b) specifying different times for different persons or descriptions of person.

(6) In this Article “qualifying benefit” means income support, income-based jobseeker’s allowance, income-related employment and support allowance, state pension credit or universal credit.

(7) Regulations under this Article may make different provision for different areas, cases or purposes.

(8) Regulations under this Article are subject to negative resolution.