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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1987 No. 1968**

**The Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987**

**PART II**

**CLAIMS**

**Self-certified claims for first 7 days of a spell of incapacity for work**

**12.**—(1) Where a self-certificate in respect of a claimant is submitted in support of a claim for sickness or invalidity benefit or severe disablement allowance, that claim shall be treated as if made for days, whether or not after the date of the claim, to which the self-certificate relates, not being days later than the first 7 days of a spell of incapacity that exceeds that length.

(2) Where a claim to which paragraph (1) applies includes one or more days subsequent to the date of claim, an award of benefit made in respect of them shall be subject to the condition that the claimant satisfies the requirements for entitlement throughout those days and if those requirements are found not to have been satisfied on any of those days the award shall be reviewed.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation—  
“self-certificate” has the meaning ascribed to it by regulation 5 of the Social Security (Medical Evidence) Regulations 1976 (claimant's declaration of incapacity as evidence for determining his right to benefit);

a “spell of incapacity” means a continuous period of incapacity for work (not excluding bank or other holidays) which is immediately preceded by a day on which the claimant either worked or was not incapable of work.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987, Section 12.