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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations come into force at different times for different cases according to the dates on which section 23 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (c. 19) which is relevant to these Regulations, is commenced for different types of cases.

Regulations 2 and 3 of these Regulations amend the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/1967), the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/207), the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/1971) and the Council Tax Benefit (General) Regulations 1992 (S.I. 1992/1814).

In particular, regulation 2(1)(b) and (2)(b) of these Regulations provides that for the purpose of ascertaining entitlement to income support and jobseeker's allowance, up to £10 of a payment of child maintenance shall be disregarded. That disregarded amount is known as the child maintenance premium. Child maintenance is defined for these purposes as a payment prescribed for the purposes of section 74A of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5) and payments by the Secretary of State in lieu of such maintenance.

Regulation 2(1)(a) and (2)(a) provides that for the purpose of calculating the weekly amount of child support maintenance, payments by the Secretary of State in lieu of periodical payments of child support maintenance shall be treated as payments of child support maintenance.

Regulation 3 provides that payments by the Secretary of State in lieu of child maintenance shall, for the purpose of ascertaining entitlement to housing benefit and council tax benefit, be treated as if they were payments of maintenance paid by a former partner of the claimant or his partner or by a parent of a child or young person.

Regulation 4 revokes, with transitional provisions, regulations 2 to 13 of the Social Security (Child Maintenance Bonus) Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/3195), the Child Maintenance Bonus (Northern Ireland Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations 1997 (S.I. 1997/645), regulation 8 of the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1997 (S.I. 1997/454) and regulation 2 of the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998/563).

These Regulations do not impose a charge on business.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- reg. 4 substituted by [S.I. 2003/231 reg. 2](#)