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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend a number of provisions in the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987 ([S.I. 1987/1968](#)) (the “1987 Regulations”). The amendments allow the use of the telephone or an electronic communication when making a claim for industrial injuries benefit. The amendments also allow claimants and the Secretary of State to supply information and evidence in connection with an award of industrial injuries benefit or employment and support allowance (“ESA”) by means of an electronic communication.

Regulation 2(2) amends regulation 4 of the 1987 Regulations to allow industrial injuries benefit claims to be made by telephone.

Regulation 2(3) amends regulation 4ZC of the 1987 Regulations to allow communications from claimants and the Secretary of State connected with industrial injuries benefit claims or ESA claims to be made by means of an electronic communication.

Regulation 2(4) amends regulation 32ZA of the 1987 Regulations to allow claimants and the Secretary of State to communicate information and evidence in relation to industrial injuries benefit awards to be made by means of an electronic communication.

Regulation 2(5) amends Schedule 9ZC to the 1987 Regulations to provide that information supplied in connection with claims for and awards of industrial injuries benefit and ESA are covered by the evidential conditions for electronic communications.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on business or civil society organisations.