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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . *9th August* 1977

Coming into operation . . *14th November* 1977

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 19(1) of the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(**a**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 14th November 1977.

Revocation of regulation 3 of the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Regulations

2. Regulation 3 of the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(**b**) (reduction of weekly rates of benefits and increases of benefits under the Social Security Act in respect of children) shall be revoked—

(*a*) in the case of paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) (child's special allowance and guardian's allowance under the Social Security Act) on 14th November 1977;

(*b*) in the case of paragraphs (*c*) and (*d*) (increase under Chapter III of Part II of the Social Security Act of benefits for child dependants)—

(i) in relation to an increase of maternity allowance, widow's allowance, widowed mother's allowance, Category A, B or C retirement pension, child's special allowance or (where the Department has not made arrangements for invalid care allowance to be paid on a Wednesday) invalid care allowance, on 14th November 1977;

(ii) in relation to an increase of invalid care allowance where the Department has made arrangements for that allowance to be paid on a Wednesday, on 16th November 1977;

(iii) in relation to an increase of unemployment benefit, sickness benefit, invalidity pension or non-contributory invalidity pension, on 17th November 1977;

(*c*) in the case of paragraph (*e*) (increase of injury benefit under the Social Security Act in respect of dependent children) on 17th November 1977;

(*d*) in the case of paragraph (*f*) (increase of disablement pension under the Social Security Act in respect of dependent children) on 16th November 1977; and

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(**a**) S.I. 1975/1504 (N.I. 16)
(**b**) S.R. 1976 No. 223

(*e*) in the case of paragraphs (*g*) and (*h*) (allowance under section 70 of the Social Security Act in respect of children) on 14th November 1977.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 9th August 1977.

(L.S.)

C. G. Oakes
Senior Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.*)

These regulations amend the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 ("the 1976 regulations") by revoking regulation 3 thereof.

The said regulation 3 of the 1976 regulations reduced the weekly rates of benefits and increases of benefits under the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 ("the 1975 Act") in respect of children to take account of the introduction on 4th April 1977 of child benefit under the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975.

The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. 1977 No. 246), which increases the weekly rates of various benefits and increases of benefits under the 1975 Act, takes account of the reductions provided for in regulation 3 of the 1976 regulations and accordingly that regulation is revoked by these regulations.