Draft Regulations laid before Parliament under section 176(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and section 172(10) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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2008 No. [8888]

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Child Benefit (Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 2008

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The Treasury make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 145(1) and (2) and 147(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(**a**) and sections 141(1) and (2) and 173(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**b**) and now vested in them(**c**).

In accordance with section 176(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and section 172(10)(b) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, a draft of this instrument was laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Child Benefit (Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

Amendment of the Child Benefit (Rates) Regulations 2006

2. In regulation 2(1) of the Child Benefit (Rates) Regulations 2006(**d**)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) for "£18.80" substitute "£20.00"; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (b) for "£12.55" substitute "£13.20".

[abc]
[def]

Date — Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

(**a**) 1992 c. 4. Section 145 was amended by Schedule 6 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21); section 147(1) is cited because of the definition ascribed to "prescribed".

(**b**) 1992 c. 7. Section 141 was amended by Schedule 6 to the Tax Credits Act 2002; section 173(1) is cited because of the definition ascribed to "prescribed".

(**c**) The functions of the Secretary of State in respect of child benefit under Part 9 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, which are relevant to the making of these Regulations, were transferred to the Treasury by section 49(1) of the Tax Credits Act 2002. The functions of the Northern Ireland Department in respect of child benefit under Part 9 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, which are relevant to the making of these Regulations, were transferred to the Treasury by section 49(2) of the Tax Credits Act 2002.

(**d**) S.I. 2006/965, relevantly amended by S.I. 2008/797.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations provide for higher rates of child benefit. They are brought into force by the Rates of Child Benefit (Commencement) Order 2008.

Article 2 increases the weekly rate of child benefit prescribed in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of regulation 2(1) of the Child Benefit (Rates) Regulations 2006 from £18.80 to £20.00 and from £12.55 to £13.20 respectively.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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