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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Fund (Cold Weather Payments) (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made . . . . . *15th February 1991*

Coming into operation . . . *16th February 1991*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 33(2A) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Fund (Cold Weather Payments) (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 16th February 1991.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Social Fund (Cold Weather Payments) (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988(**b**).

Amendment of regulation 3 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 3 of the principal regulations (prescribed amount) for "£5" there shall be substituted "£6".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 15th February 1991.

(L.S.) *C. Davie*

Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18); Article 33(2A) was inserted by paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/594 (N.I. 2)). Article 81(1) provides for section 155(1) to (3A) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 (c. 15) (extent of powers) to apply to the powers conferred by Article 33(2A); the said section 155(3A) was inserted by Article 63(1)

(**b**) S.R. 1988 No. 368; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1988 No. 393, S.R. 1989 No. 494 and S.R. 1990 No. 132

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend the Social Fund (Cold Weather Payments) (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988 by increasing, with effect from 16th February 1991, the prescribed amount payable in respect of each period of cold weather from £5 to £6.

The regulations correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Security in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980 (c. 30), are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.