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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Child's Special Allowance) Regulations 1975

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Coming into Operation	*6th April* 1975

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred upon her by sections 31 and 162(*a*) of the Social Security Act 1975**(a)**, and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, without having referred any proposals on the matter to the National Insurance Advisory Committee since it appears to her that by reason of urgency it is inexpedient to do so, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Child's Special Allowance) Regulations 1975, and shall come into operation on 6th April 1975.

(2) Any reference in these regulations to any provision made by or contained in an enactment shall, except in so far as the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to that provision as amended or extended by any enactment or instrument and as including a reference to any provision which may re-enact or replace it.

(3) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889**(b)** shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of these regulations as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Minimum weekly rate of contributions for child's special allowance

2. The prescribed rate for the purposes of section 31(*c*) of the Social Security Act 1975 (child's special allowance payable if the husband referred to in that subsection had before his death been contributing at not less than the prescribed weekly rate to the cost of providing for the child in question) shall be the weekly rate of £0·25.

Voidable marriages

3. For the purposes of section 31 of the Social Security Act 1975 (child's special allowance where a woman's marriage has been terminated by divorce) a voidable marriage which has been annulled, whether before or after the date

(a) 1975 c. 14. **(b)** 1889 c. 63.

when these regulations come into force, shall be treated as if it had been a valid marriage which was terminated by divorce at the date of annulment.

Barbara Castle,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

24th March 1975.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

The Regulations prescribe the minimum weekly rate at which a former husband must have been contributing before his death to the support of a child, so as to enable a woman, whose marriage has been terminated by divorce, to be entitled to a child's special allowance. The Regulations also provide that for the purposes of the allowance the annulment of a voidable marriage will be treated in the same way as a divorce.

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