STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 1169

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1969

Made - - - -	13*th August* 1969
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The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of his powers under section 17 of the Ministry of Social Security Act 1966(**a**) as amended by section 141 of the Post Office Act 1969(**b**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1969, shall be read as one with the Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1966(**c**) as amended (**d**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on 1st October 1969.

Amendment to regulation 1 *of the principal regulations*

2. Regulation 1(2) of the principal regulations (definitions) shall be amended by substituting for the definitions of "draft" and "serial order" the following definitions:—

" "instrument of payment" means a serial order and any other instrument whatsoever which is intended to enable a person to obtain payment of benefit;

"serial order" means one of a series of orders for the payment of sums on account of benefit which is, or has been contained in a book of such orders;

"approved place" means a place approved by the Secretary of State for Social Services for the purpose of obtaining payment of benefit;".

Regulation substituted for regulation 8 *of the principal regulations*

3. For regulation 8 of the principal regulations (orders for payment) there shall be substituted the following regulation:—

"*Instruments of payment*

8.—(1) Instruments of payment and books of serial orders issued by the Secretary of State for Social Services shall remain his property.

(2) Any person having such an instrument of payment or book of serial orders shall, on ceasing to be entitled to the benefit or benefits to which such instrument or book relates or when so required by the Secretary of State, deliver the said instrument or book to the Secretary of State or to such other person as he may direct."

(**a**) 1966 c. 20. (**b**) 1969 c. 48. (**c**) S.I.1966/1067 (1966 II, p. 2622).
(**d**) S.I.1967/422; 1969/293 (1967 I, p. 1362; 1969 I, p. 799).

Amendment to regulation 9 of the principal regulations

4. Regulation 9 of the principal regulations (extinguishment of right to payment of sums by way of benefit) shall be amended by substituting for paragraph (1)(*a*) the following:—

"(*a*) in relation to any such sum contained in an instrument of payment which has been given or sent, for the purpose of making payment thereof, to the beneficiary, or to an approved place for collection by him (whether or not received or collected as the case may be), notwithstanding that that sum is greater or less than the sum to which the beneficiary has the right to payment:—

(i) on the date on the said instrument of payment; or

(ii) if a further instrument of payment has been so given or sent as a replacement for an instrument of payment previously given or sent, on the date on the last such instrument of payment;".

Amendment to regulation 12 of the principal regulations

5. Regulation 12 (payments for the purposes of paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 2 to the Act) shall be amended by substituting in paragraph (1)(*a*) thereof for the words "by serial order or by draft", the words "or by instrument of payment".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

David Ennals,
Minister of State,
Department of Health and Social Security.

13th August 1969.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations make several minor amendments to the Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1966 consequent upon the Post Office ceasing to be a Government Department and upon the abolition of the office of Postmaster General under the Post Office Act 1969.