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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987

Made	*21st January 1987*
Coming into operation—	
regulations 1 and 3 .	*21st January 1987*
regulation 2 . .	*26th January 1987*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 5 and 19(2)(*a*) of the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**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 Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation as follows—

(*a*) regulations 1 and 3 on 21st January 1987;

(*b*) regulation 2 on 26th January 1987.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(**b**).

Amendment of regulation 26A of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 26A(5)(*a*) of the principal regulations (definition of a period of exceptionally cold weather) for "minus 1.5 degrees Celsius" there shall be substituted "0.0 degrees Celsius".

Supplementary provision for cases before amendment of regulation 26A comes into operation

3. In any case where a claim under regulation 26A of the principal regulations (exceptionally cold weather) is made or treated as made in respect of the period of 7 days ending immediately before regulation 2 comes into operation, the average mean daily temperature recorded for that period at the designated station shall be treated as equal to minus 1.5 degrees Celsius.

(**a**) S.I. 1977/2156 (N.I. 27); provisions of the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, as amended by Article 7 of, and Part I of Schedule 2 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8)), are set out in Part II of that Schedule

(**b**) S.R. 1981 No. 369; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1986 No. 345

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 21st January 1987.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 relating to single payments for exceptionally cold weather.

They substitute for the average temperature of minus 1.5 degrees Celsius an average temperature of 0.0 degrees Celsius; and for the purposes of a claim made under regulation 26A in respect of a period of 7 days ending on 25th January 1987, they provide for the average temperature to be treated as equal to minus 1.5 degrees Celsius.

They correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Services 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.