STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Universal Credit (Reduction of the Earnings Taper Rate) Amendment Regulations 2017

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Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1	

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 8(3)(a) and 40 of, and paragraph 4(1) and (3)(a) of Schedule 1 to, the Welfare Reform Act 2012(**1**).

In accordance with section 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**2**), the Social Security Advisory Committee has agreed that these Regulations need not be referred to it.

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Universal Credit (Reduction of the Earnings Taper Rate) Amendment Regulations 2017 and come into force on 10th April 2017, except as provided by paragraph (2).

(2) Regulation 2(3) comes into force on the same day as, but immediately after the Universal Credit (Surpluses and Self-Employed Losses) (Digital Service) Amendment Regulations 2015(**3**) come into force.

(3) Where an amendment made by these Regulations applies in respect of an existing award of universal credit, that amendment has effect for the purposes of that award—

(a) on the date on which that amendment comes into force, if there is an assessment period for that award that begins on that day; or

(b) if sub-paragraph (a) does not apply, on the first day of the next assessment period for the award beginning after that day.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (3), "existing award of universal credit" means an award of universal credit that exists on the date on which the relevant amendment comes into force.

(**1**) 2012 c.5. Section 40 is cited for the meaning of "prescribed".
(**2**) 1992 c.5.
(**3**) S.I. 2015/345; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2016/215 and 2017/[*to be inserted*].