STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 271

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Fund (Amendment) Regulations 2017

Made - - - -	*6th March 2017*
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The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 138(1)(a), (2) and (4) and 175(1), (3) and (5) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(**1**).

The Social Security Advisory Committee has agreed that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it(**2**).

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Fund (Amendment) Regulations 2017.

(2) They come into force on 6th April 2017.

Amendments to the Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Regulations 1988

2. In regulation 1A of the Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Regulations 1988 (prescribed description of persons)(**3**), for paragraph (3)(d) substitute—

> "(d) P's child tax credit includes a disability element within the meaning of section 9(3) of the Tax Credits Act 2002;".

Amendments to the Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Regulations 2005

3.—(1) The Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Regulations 2005(**4**) are amended as follows.

(**1**) 1992 c. 4. Section 138(4) is cited for the meaning of "prescribed".

(**2**) Section 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5) provides that proposals in respect of regulations are not required to be referred to the Social Security Advisory Committee where the Committee agrees. Proposals in respect of these Regulations would otherwise be referable to the Committee by virtue of sections 170 and 172 of that Act.

(**3**) S.I. 1988/1724. Regulation 1A was inserted by S.I. 1991/2448 and substituted by S.I. 2010/2442. Paragraph 3 of that regulation was amended by S.I. 2013/248.

(**4**) S.I. 2005/3061.