STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 342

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Maternity Allowance) (Earnings) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

Made - - - -	*23rd February 2015*
Laid before Parliament	*26th February 2015*
Coming into force - -	*6th April 2015*

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 35A(4) and (5) and 175(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(**1**).

This instrument contains only regulations made by virtue of, or consequential upon, section 2 of and Schedule 1 to the National Insurance Contributions Act 2015(**2**) and is made before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the coming into force of that enactment(**3**).

Citation, commencement and effect

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Maternity Allowance) (Earnings) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 and come into force on 6th April 2015.

(2) These Regulations have effect for women with an expected week of confinement beginning on or after 12th July 2015.

Amendment of the Social Security (Maternity Allowance) (Earnings) Regulations 2000

2. The Social Security (Maternity Allowance) (Earnings) Regulations 2000(**4**) are amended as follows—

(a) in regulation 1 (citation, commencement and interpretation), in paragraph (2) omit the definition of "certificate of small earnings exception";

(b) in regulation 3 (specified payments for self-employed earners)—

(**1**) 1992 c. 4. Section 35A was inserted by section 53(3) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30) and was amended by the National Insurance Contributions Act 2015 (c. 5), Schedule 1, paragraph 6. Section 175 was amended by the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c. 2), Schedule 3, paragraph 29. See section 122(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (c. 4) for the meaning of "prescribe".

(**2**) 2015 c. 5.

(**3**) See section 173(5) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5).

(**4**) S.I. 2000/688; amended by S.I. 2002/2690, other amending instruments are not relevant.