STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2009 No. 276

HOUSING; RATES

The Housing Benefit (Child Benefit Disregard and Child Care Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

Made - - - - 23rd July 2009

Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1

The Department for Social Development makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 122(1)(d), 132(3) and (4)(b) and 171(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**) and now vested in it(**2**).

These Regulations are made with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**3**).

The Social Security Advisory Committee has agreed that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it(**4**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit (Child Benefit Disregard and Child Care Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 and subject to paragraph (2), shall come into operation on 5th August 2009.

(2) Regulation 3 shall come into operation on 2nd November 2009.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**5**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Treatment of child care charges

2. In regulation 25(8) of the Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(**6**) and regulation 29(8) of the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(**7**)—

(**1**) 1992 c. 7; section 171(1) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21)
(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**3**) *See* section 171(6A) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 as inserted by Article 3(3) of the Social Security (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/1579 (N.I. 8)); *see also* Article 6(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**4**) *See* section 150(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)
(**5**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**6**) S.R. 2006 No. 405; to which there are amendments not relevant to this regulation
(**7**) S.R. 2006 No. 406; to which there are amendments nor relevant to these regulations