STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2008 No. 111

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Discretionary Financial Assistance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

Made - - - -	*12th March 2008*
Coming into operation	*7th April 2008*

The Department for Social Development makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 60(1) and (2) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000(**1**) and Article 74(4) to (6) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998(**2**) and now vested in it(**3**).

The Social Security Advisory Committee has agreed that proposals in respect of regulation 2(2)(c) should not be referred to it(**4**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Discretionary Financial Assistance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 and shall come into operation on 7th April 2008.

Amendment of the Discretionary Financial Assistance Regulations

2.—(1) The Discretionary Financial Assistance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001(**5**) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 3 (circumstances in which discretionary housing payments may be made)—

(a) after paragraph (a)(**6**) insert—

"(aa) a liability to meet charges for water, sewerage or allied environmental services;";

(b) in paragraph (d) for "Article 43(11)" substitute "Article 43(5)"; and

(**1**) 2000 c. 4 (N.I.)
(**2**) S.I. 1998/1506 (N.I. 10)
(**3**) See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**4**) *See* section 150(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8); section 64 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4) added paragraph (af) to section 149(5) which defines "the relevant enactments" in respect of which regulations must normally be referred to the Committee
(**5**) S.R. 2001 No. 216; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2002 No. 80 and S.R. 2006 No. 407
(**6**) Paragraph (a) was amended by paragraph 8(4)(i) of Schedule 2 to S.R. 2006 No. 407