STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2008 No. 16

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Jobseeker's Allowance (Joint Claims) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

Made - - - -	*15th January 2008*
Coming into operation	*25th February 2008*

The Department for Social Development makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 3(2C) and (4)(b) and 36(2) of, and paragraph 8A of Schedule 1 to, the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**1**) and now vested in it(**2**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Jobseeker's Allowance (Joint Claims) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 and shall come into operation on 25th February 2008.

Amendment of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations

2.—(1) The Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**3**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) In regulation 3A(1)(**4**) (prescribed description of a joint-claim couple for the purposes of Article 3(4)) for "1957" substitute "1947".

(3) In regulation 3E(2)(l)(**5**) (entitlement of a member of a joint-claim couple to a jobseeker's allowance without a claim being made jointly by the couple) for "27th October 2002" substitute "24th February 2008".

(4) Omit regulation 3F(**6**) (transitional case couples: prescribed circumstances and period for the purposes of paragraph 8A(2) of Schedule 1 to the Order).

(**1**) S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15); Article 3(2C) was inserted and Article 3(4) was amended, by paragraph 3 of Schedule 7 to, the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11)), Article 3(4) was also amended by paragraph 131 of Schedule 24 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c.33), and paragraph 8A of Schedule 1 was inserted by paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 7 to the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11))

(**2**) See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481

(**3**) S.R. 1996 No. 198; the relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2000 No. 350, S.R. 2001 No. 120 and S.R. 2002 No. 236

(**4**) Regulation 3A was inserted by regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2000 No. 350 and amended by regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2001 No. 120 and regulation 2(a) of S.R. 2002 No. 236

(**5**) Regulation 3E(2)(1) was inserted by regulation 2(b)(iii) of S.R. 2002 No. 236

(**6**) Regulation 3F was inserted by regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2000 No. 350