STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2005 No. 513

SOCIAL SECURITY

The State Pension Credit (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

Made - - - -	*18th November 2005*
Coming into operation	*18th December 2005*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 171(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**) and now vested in it(**2**), and sections 7(4), 16(2) and 19(1) to (3) of the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002(**3**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the State Pension Credit (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and shall come into operation on 18th December 2005.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**4**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Amendment of the State Pension Credit Regulations

2.—(1) The State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(**5**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 10 (assessed income period)—

(a) for paragraph (2)(a), there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

"(a) except where sub-paragraph (b) applies, the arrangements under which the assessed amount is paid contain no provision for periodic increases in the amount payable, or";

(b) in paragraph (5B)(**6**), in the definition of "increased payment date", the words "under the claimant's retirement pension scheme or annuity contract" shall be omitted.

(**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) and Part II of Schedule 6 to, S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**3**) 2002 c. 14 (N.I.)
(**4**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**5**) S.R. 2003 No. 28; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2004 Nos. 110 and 394
(**6**) Paragraph (5B) was substituted by regulation 3(2)(a) of S.R. 2004 No. 110