STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2005 No. 331

HOUSING; RATES

The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

Made - - - -	*6th July 2005*
Coming into operation	*1st August 2005*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 122(1)(d), 132A and 171(1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**), and now vested in it(**2**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**3**), and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it(**4**), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 and shall come into operation on 1st August 2005.

(2) In these Regulations—

"the Housing Benefit Regulations" means the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**5**).

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**6**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Amendment of regulation 6 of the Housing Benefit Regulations

2. In regulation 6(2) of the Housing Benefit Regulations (circumstances in which a person is to be treated as liable to make payments in respect of a dwelling) for "in respect of which" there shall be substituted "in, or in respect of, which".

(**1**) 1992 c. 7; section 132A was inserted by paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c. 14 (N.I.)); 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**) S.R. 1987 No. 461
(**6**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)