STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2004 No. 354

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

Made - - - -	*20th August 2004*
Coming into operation	*20th September 2004*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 134(2) and 171(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, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 and shall come into operation on 20th September 2004.

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

Amendment of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations

2.—(1) The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000(**4**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (5).

(2) In regulation 1(2) (citation, commencement and interpretation) after the definition of "residential accommodation" there shall be added the following definition –

> ""state pension credit" has the meaning assigned to it by section 1 of the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002(**5**).".

(3) In regulation 2(1)(ii)(**6**) (social fund winter fuel payments) for "income support" there shall be substituted "state pension credit".

(**1**) 1992 c. 7
(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**3**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**4**) S.R. 2000 No. 91; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 2000 No. 321 and S.R. 2003 No. 349
(**5**) 2002 c. 14 (N.I.)
(**6**) Regulation 2 was substituted by regulation 2 of S.R. 2003 No. 349