STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2004 No. 85

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

Made - - - - 4th March 2004
Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1(1)

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 5(1)(q), 13A(2)(b) and 165(1) and (4) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**), and now vested in it(**2**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations representing qualifying lenders likely to be affected by regulation 2(3) as it considers appropriate(**3**), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2004 except for regulation 2(2) which shall come into operation, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 12th April 2004.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) "benefit week" has the same meaning as in the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**4**), the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**5**) or the State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(**6**), as the case may be.

(**1**) 1992 c. 8; section 13A was inserted by paragraph 1 of the Schedule to the Social Security (Mortgage Interest Payments) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (S.I.1992/1309 (N.I. 9)) and amended by paragraph 23 of Schedule 2 to the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15)), Article 18 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/1555) and paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 to the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c. 14) and section 165(1) was amended by paragraph 49(2) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/671)
(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**3**) *See* section 13A(2) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992
(**4**) S.R. 1987 No. 459
(**5**) S.R. 1996 No. 198
(**6**) S.R. 2003 No. 28