STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2004 No. 72

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

Made - - - -	*27th February 2004*
Coming into operation	*21st March 2004*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 122(1)(a), 131(1) and 171(1) and (3) to (5) 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 Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 and shall come into operation on 21st March 2004.

(2) These Regulations shall have effect in relation to any particular claimant –

(a) in a case where income support is paid to the claimant in arrears, in accordance with paragraph 1(a) of Schedule 2A to the Decisions and Appeals Regulations(**3**) (date on which change of circumstances takes effect in certain cases where a claimant is in receipt of income support) –

(i) from the first day of the benefit week which includes 28th March 2004, or

(ii) if the claim for income support is for a period commencing after 28th March 2004, from the first day of the first benefit week commencing after 21st March 2004;

(b) in a case where income support is paid to the claimant in advance, in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of Schedule 2A to the Decisions and Appeals Regulations, from the first day of the first benefit week commencing after 28th March 2004,

and for this purpose, the expressions "claimant" and "benefit week" have the same meanings as in regulation 2(1) of the Income Support Regulations(**4**) (interpretation).

(3) In these Regulations –

(**1**) 1992 c. 7
(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**3**) Schedule 2A was inserted by regulation 6(22) of, and Schedule 1 to, S.R. 2000 No. 215
(**4**) The definition of "benefit week" was amended by regulation 2(a) of S.R. 1988 No. 318