STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 486

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security Pensions (Home Responsibilities) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - -	*25th November 2003*
Coming into operation	*29th December 2003*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 171(1) and (3) to (5) of, and paragraph 5(7)(b) and (7A) of Schedule 3 to, 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 and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security Pensions (Home Responsibilities) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 29th December 2003.

Amendment of the Social Security Pensions (Home Responsibilities) Regulations

2.—(1) The Social Security Pensions (Home Responsibilities) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994(**3**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of this regulation.

(2) In regulation 1(2) (interpretation) after the definition of "child benefit" there shall be inserted the following definition –

> ""foster parent" means a person approved as a foster parent in accordance with the provisions of regulation 3 of the Foster Placement (Children) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**4**);".

(3) In regulation 2 (preclusion from regular employment for the purpose of paragraph 5(7)(b) of Schedule 3 to the Act) –

(a) in paragraph (2) after sub-paragraph (b) there shall be added the following sub-paragraph –

> "(c) that he was a foster parent.";

(**1**) 1992 c. 7; section 171(1) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21); paragraph 5(7A) of Schedule 3 was inserted by section 36 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4 (N.I.))
(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**3**) S.R. 1994 No. 89, amended by S.R. 2001 No. 440
(**4**) S.R. 1996 No. 467