STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 455

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - -	*21st October 2003*
Coming into operation	*16th November 2003*

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) 2003 and shall come into operation on 16th November 2003.

(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 23rd November 2003, or

(ii) if the claim for income support is for a period commencing after 23rd November 2003, from the first day of the first benefit week commencing after 16th November 2003;

(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 23rd November 2003,

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).

(**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