STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 349

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - -	*23rd July 2003*
Coming into operation	*1st September 2003*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 134(2) and 171(1), (3) and (4) 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) 2003 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2003.

(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. For regulation 2 of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000(**4**) (social fund winter fuel payments) there shall be substituted the following regulation –

> "**2.**—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) and regulation 3 of these Regulations and regulation 35(2) of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**5**), the Department shall pay to a person who –
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> (a) in respect of any day falling within the qualifying week is ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland, and
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> (b) has attained the age of 60 in or before the qualifying week,
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> a winter fuel payment of –

(**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; regulation 2 was amended by regulation 2 of S.R. 2000 No. 259, regulation 2 of S.R. 2000 No. 340, regulation 2(3) of S.R. 2001 No. 373 and regulation 3 of S.R. 2002 No. 327
(**5**) S.R. 1987 No. 465; regulation 35(2) was inserted by regulation 2 of S.R. 2002 No. 327