STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 187

HOUSING

The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - - 21st March 2003
Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1(1)

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(d), 129(2) to (4) and 171(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 Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation –

(a) in relation to any case where rent is payable at intervals of a whole number of weeks, on 7th April 2003, and

(b) in relation to any other case, on 1st April 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 Housing Benefit Regulations

2.—(1) Schedule 1A of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**4**) (decisions of rent payable) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) In paragraph 4(3)(**5**) (local reference rents), head (c) and the word "and" which immediately precedes it shall be omitted.

(3) In paragraph 6(**6**) (ineligible charges and support charges) –

(**1**) 1992 c. 7
(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**3**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**4**) S.R. 1987 No. 461; Schedule 1A was inserted by regulation 15 of, and Schedule 1 to, S.R. 1996 No. 111 and relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2000 No. 1 and S.R. 2001 No. 215
(**5**) Paragraph 4(3) was amended by regulation 6(4) of S.R. 2000 No. 1
(**6**) Paragraph 6 was substituted by regulation 6(7) of S.R. 2000 No. 1