STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2001 No. 316

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

Made - - - -	*7th September 2001*
Coming into operation	*1st October 2001*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 30E, 167D and 171(1) to (4) of, and paragraphs 2(8) of Schedule 3 and 2(3) of Schedule 7 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 (Incapacity Benefit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 and shall come into operation on 1st October 2001.

Amendment of the Social Security (General Benefit) Regulations

2. In regulation 14 of the Social Security (General Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(**3**) (earnings level for the purpose of unemployability supplement) for "£3,146·00" there shall be substituted "£3,432·00".

Amendment of the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) Regulations

3.—(1) The Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994(**4**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 1B(2)(*a*)(**5**) (relaxation of the first contribution condition in certain cases)—

(**1**) 1992 c. 7; section 30E and 167D were respectively inserted by Articles 5(1) and 8(1) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/1898 (N.I. 12)), section 171(2) was amended by paragraph 28(2) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/671) and paragraph 2(8) of Schedule 3 was added by Article 59(4) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11))

(**2**) *See* Article 8(*b*) of S.R. 1999 No. 481

(**3**) S.R. 1984 No. 92; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 2001 No. 106

(**4**) S.R. 1994 No. 461; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 2000 No. 404 and S.R. 2001 Nos. 106 and 156

(**5**) Regulation 1B was inserted by regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2000 No. 404 and amended by regulation 2(2) of S.R. 2001 No. 156