STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2001 No. 238

HOUSING

The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

Made - - - -	*8th June 2001*
Coming into operation	*2nd July 2001*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(d), 129(2) and (4) and 171(1), (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 Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 and shall come into operation on 2nd July 2001.

(2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**3**).

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**4**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Amendment of Schedule 1A to the principal Regulations

2. In Schedule 1A to the principal Regulations(**5**) (decisions of rent payable)—

(a) in paragraph 4(2)(*b*)(iii)(**6**) (local reference rents) for "kitchen or toilet" in both places where those words occur, there shall be substituted "kitchen, toilet, bathroom and room suitable for living in";

(b) in paragraph 4A(**7**) (single room rents) for sub-paragraph (2)(*b*) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

(**1**) 1992 c. 7
(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**3**) S.R. 1987 No. 461; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1996 Nos. 111 and 181, S.R. 1998 No. 114 and S.R. 2001 Nos. 1 and 79
(**4**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**5**) Schedule 1A was inserted by Schedule 1 to S.R. 1996 No. 111
(**6**) Paragraph 4(2)(*b*) was amended by regulation 6 of S.R. 2000 No. 1
(**7**) Paragraph 4A was inserted by regulation 8 of S.R. 1996 No. 181 and amended by regulation 2(3) of S.R. 1998 No. 114