STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 196

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

Made - - - -	*24th May 2000*
Coming into operation	*18th June 2000*

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 No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 18th June 2000.

(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 7(1)(*a*) of Schedule 7 to the Claims and Payments Regulations(**3**) (date when change of circumstances is to take effect)—

(i) from the first day of the benefit week which includes 25th June 2000, or

(ii) if the claim for income support is for a period commencing after 25th June 2000, from the first day of the first benefit week commencing after 18th June 2000;

(b) in a case where income support is paid to the claimant in advance in accordance with paragraph 7(1)(*b*) of Schedule 7 to the Claims and Payments Regulations, from the first day of the first benefit week commencing after 25th June 2000,

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).

(3) In these Regulations—

(**1**) 1992 c. 7
(**2**) *See* Article 8(*b*) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**3**) Paragraph 7 was substituted by regulation 7(9) of S.R. 1990 No. 398
(**4**) The definition of "benefit week" was amended by regulation 2(*a*) of S.R. 1988 No. 318