STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 47

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

Made - - - -	*2nd March 2000*
Coming into operation	*10th April 2000*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 113(1)(*a*), 167D and 171(1) to (4) of, and paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 7 to, the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**) and sections 135(3) and 165(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**2**), and now vested in it(**3**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations, which contain only provisions in consequence of an order(**4**) under section 132 of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 10th April 2000.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, "the Up-rating Order" means the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2000(**4**).

Exceptions relating to payment of additional benefit under awards made before the commencing date

2. Section 135(3) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (effect of alteration of rates of benefit under Parts II to V of the Contributions and Benefits Act) shall not apply if a question arises as to either—

(a) the weekly rate at which the benefit is payable by virtue of the Up-rating Order; or

(b) whether the conditions for the receipt of the benefit at the altered rate are satisfied,

(**1**) 1992 c. 7; section 167D was inserted by Article 8(1) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I.1994/1898 (N.I. 12)) and 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)
(**2**) 1992 c. 8
(**3**) *See* Article 8(*b*) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**4**) S.R. 2000 No. 38
(**4**) S.R. 2000 No. 38