STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 312

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

Made - - - -	*2nd July 1999*
Coming into operation	*28th October 1999*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 134(2) and 171(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**) 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 Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 and shall come into operation on 28th October 1999.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**2**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations

2.—(1) For the purposes of determining whether a person shall be entitled to a winter fuel payment for the winter of 1999 to 2000 and for subsequent winters and its amount, the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998(**3**) shall apply as amended by the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998(**4**) subject to the following further amendments.

(2) in regulation 1(2) (interpretation) in the definition of "the qualifying week"(**5**) for "9th November 1998" there shall be substituted "the third Monday in September in each year in respect of a winter fuel payment for the following winter,".

(3) In regulation 3(1) (prescribed amount)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) for "£50" there shall be substituted "£100";

(**1**) 1992 c. 7
(**2**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**3**) S.R. 1998 No. 3; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1998 No. 276
(**4**) S.R. 1998 No. 276
(**5**) Definition of "the qualifying week" was amended by regulation 2(2)(c) of S.R. 1998 No. 276