STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 70

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

Made - - - - 22nd February 1999

Coming into operation 21st March 1999

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it 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 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) 1999 and shall come into operation on 21st March 1999.

(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(**2**) (date when change of circumstances is to take effect)—

(i) from the first day of the benefit week which includes 28th March 1999, or

(ii) if the claim for income support is for a period commencing after 28th March 1999, from the first day of the first benefit week commencing after 21st March 1999;

(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 28th March 1999,

and for this purpose, the expressions "claimant" and "benefit week" have the same meanings as in regulation 2(1) of the Income Support Regulations(**3**) (interpretation).

(3) In these Regulations—

(**1**) 1992 c. 7

(**2**) Paragraph 7 was substituted by regulation 7(9) of S.R. 1990 No. 398

(**3**) The definition of "benefit week" was amended by regulation 2(*a*) of S.R. 1988 No. 318