STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 484

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Made - - - -	*10th November 1997*
Coming into operation	*1st December 1997*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 36(1) and (2)(*a*), 39(1)(*a*) and (2)(*b*) of, and paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to, the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**1**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1997.

Amendment of regulation 47A of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations

2. In regulation 47A of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**2**) (jobseeking periods: periods of interruption of employment)—

(a) immediately before paragraph (*a*) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

"(za) where a linked period commenced before 7th October 1996 and is still current on 1st December 1997, any days of unemployment which form part of a period of interruption of employment where the last day of unemployment in that period of interruption of employment was no more than 8 weeks before the date upon which that linked period commenced;";

(b) at the end, there shall be added "and, for the purposes of paragraph (*za*), a day shall be treated as being, or not being, a day of unemployment in accordance with section 25A of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**3**) and with any regulations made under that section, as in operation on 6th October 1996".

(**1**) S.I.1995/2705 (N.I. 15)
(**2**) S.R. 1996 No. 198; regulation 47A was inserted by regulation 2(7) of S.R. 1996 No. 503
(**3**) 1992 c. 7; section 25A was inserted by paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/1898 (N.I. 12))