STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 171

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Made - - - -	*20th March 1997*
Coming into operation	*13th April 1997*

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) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 13th April 1997.

(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 20th April 1997, or

(ii) if the claim for income support is for a period beginning after 20th April 1997, from the first day of the first benefit week commencing after 13th April 1997;

(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 20th April 1997,

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—

"the Claims and Payments Regulations" means the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**4**);

(**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
(**4**) S.R. 1987 No. 465; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1990 No. 398