STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 122

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Made - - - -	*4th March 1997*
Coming into operation	*7th April 1997*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 30E(1), 90, 113(1)(*a*) and 171(1) to (3) 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 of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations, which contain only provisions in consequence of an order(**3**) 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) 1997 and shall come into operation on 7th April 1997.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"the Administration Act" means the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

"the Up-rating Order" means the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 1997(**3**).

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

2. Section 135(3) of the Administration Act (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

(**1**) 1992 c. 7; section 30E was inserted by Article 5(1) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (S.I.1994/1898 (N.I. 12))
(**2**) 1992 c. 8
(**3**) S.R. 1997 No. 113
(**3**) S.R. 1997 No. 113