STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 545

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - -	*26th November 1996*
Coming into operation	*15th December 1996*

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. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 15th December 1996.

(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 22nd December 1996, or

(ii) if the claim for income support is for a period beginning after 22nd December 1996, from the first day of the first benefit week commencing after 15th December 1996;

(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 22nd December 1996,

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