STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 206

STATUTORY MATERNITY PAY

The Statutory Maternity Pay (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - -	*20th May 1996*
Coming into operation	*12th June 1996*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 160(9)(*a*) and 167(6) 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 Statutory Maternity Pay (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 12th June 1996.

(2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Statutory Maternity Pay (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**2**).

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Assembly.

Amendment of regulation 21 of the principal Regulations

2. In regulation 21 of the principal Regulations (normal weekly earnings)—

(a) in paragraph (1) for "paragraphs (2) to (6)" there shall be substituted "the following provisions of this regulation";

(b) after paragraph (6) there shall be added the following paragraph—

"(7) In a case where a woman receives a back-dated pay increase which includes a sum in respect of a relevant period, normal weekly earnings shall be calculated as if such a sum was paid in that relevant period even though received after that period.".

(**1**) 1992 c. 7
(**2**) S.R. 1987 No. 30; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1994 No. 191
(**3**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)