STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 74

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - -	*7th March 1996*
Coming into operation	*8th April 1996*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 30E(1), 90(*b*) and 113(1)(*a*) of, and paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 7 to, the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**) and section 135(3) 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) 1996 and shall come into operation on 8th April 1996.

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

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

"the up-rating order" means the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 1996(**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

(b) whether the conditions for the receipt of the benefit at the altered rate are satisfied,

(**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. 1996 No. 73
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