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The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994

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The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 5(1)(*j*) and 165(6) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**a**) 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 Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 10th January 1995.

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

Amendment of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations

2.—(1) The Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**c**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (8).

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation) for the definition of "instrument of payment" there shall be substituted the following definition—

" "instrument for benefit payment" means an instrument issued by the Department under regulation 20A on the presentation of which benefit due to a beneficiary shall be paid in accordance with the arrangements set out in that regulation;".

(3) In regulation 20 (time and manner of payment: general provision) for "regulations 21 to 27" there shall be substituted "regulations 20A to 27".

(4) After regulation 20 there shall be inserted the following regulation—

"*Payment on presentation of an instrument for benefit payment*

20A.—(1) Where it appears to the Department to be appropriate in any class of case, benefit due to a beneficiary falling within such a class

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(**a**) 1992 c. 8
(**b**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**c**) S.R. 1987 No. 465; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1988 No. 369, S.R. 1989 No. 398, S.R. 1991 No. 488, S.R. 1992 Nos. 7 and 83 and S.R. 1993 No. 375