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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Fund (Maternity and Funeral Expenses) (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

Made . . . . . *10th September 1992*

Coming into operation . . *1st October 1992*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 134(1)(*a*) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (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 Fund (Maternity and Funeral Expenses) (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1992.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Social Fund (Maternity and Funeral Expenses) (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**b**).

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

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 2 of the principal regulations (interpretation)—

(*a*) in the definition of "confinement" for "28 weeks" there shall be substituted "24 weeks";

(*b*) after the definition of "responsible member" there shall be inserted the following definition—

" "still-born child" shall be construed in accordance with the definition of "still-birth" in the Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976;"(**d**).

Amendment of regulation 4 of the principal regulations

3. In regulation 4 of the principal regulations (entitlement to a maternity payment)—

(**a**) 1992 c. 7

(**b**) S.R. 1987 No. 150; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1988 No. 22 and S.R. 1990 No. 132

(**c**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(**d**) S.I. 1976/1041 (N.I. 14) as amended by Article 3 of the Still-Birth (Definition) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (S.I. 1992/1310 (N.I. 10)) from 1st October 1992