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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Fund (Cold Weather Payments) (General) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made	*31st October 1991*
Coming into operation . .	*1st November 1991*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 33(2A) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(**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 (Cold Weather Payments) (General) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 1st November 1991 immediately after the coming into operation of the Social Fund (Cold Weather Payments) (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991(**b**).

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Social Fund (Cold Weather Payments) (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988(**c**).

Insertion of regulation 1A in the principal regulations

2. After regulation 1 of the principal regulations (citation, commencement and interpretation) there shall be inserted the following regulation—

"*Prescribed description of persons*

1A. The description of persons prescribed as persons to whom a payment may be made out of the social fund to meet expenses for heating under Article 33(2A) of the Order is claimants who have been awarded income support in respect of at least one day during the recorded or the forecasted period of cold weather specified in regulation 2(1)(*a*) and either—

(*a*) whose applicable amount includes one or more of the premiums specified in paragraphs 9 to 14 of Part III of Schedule 2 to the General Regulations(**d**); or

(*b*) whose family includes a member aged less than 5.".

(**a**) S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18); Article 33(2A) was inserted by paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/594 (N.I. 2)). Article 81(1) provides for section 155(1) to (3A) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 (c. 15) (extent of powers) to apply to the powers conferred by Article 33(2A); the said section 155(3A) was inserted by Article 63(1)

(**b**) S.R. 1991 No. 464

(**c**) S.R. 1988 No. 368; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1991 No. 464

(**d**) S.R. 1987 No. 459; amended by S.R. 1988 Nos. 146 and 431, S.R. 1989 Nos. 139 and 395 and S.R. 1990 No. 387