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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Fund (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990

Made . . . . . *30th August 1990*

Coming into operation . . *24th September 1990*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 34(13) 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 (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 and shall come into operation on 24th September 1990.

(2) In these regulations "the Order" means the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986.

Condition to be satisfied before payment of a social fund award

2.—(1) Before a payment of an award out of the social fund under Article 33(2)(*b*) of the Order (payment to meet needs other than in prescribed circumstances) is made for a category of need which is specified in directions given by the Department to be repayable(**b**), the person by or on behalf of whom the application was made shall notify the Department in writing of his agreement to the terms and conditions of which he has been notified by the Department in accordance with Article 34(4A) of the Order(**c**) within 14 days of the date on which that notification was issued to that person.

(2) The time specified in paragraph (1) may be extended by the Department for special reasons, even though the time so specified may already have expired.

(**a**) S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18); Article 34(13) was added by Article 12(5) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/1511 (N.I. 15)). 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 34(13); the said section 155(3A) was inserted by Article 63(1)

(**b**) Directions given by the Department under Articles 33(2)(*b*), 34(10) and (10A) and 35(8)(*a*) and (*b*) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. Article 34(10A) was inserted by paragraph 11 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/594 (N.I. 2)) and amended by Article 12(4) of, and Schedule 7 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1990

(**c**) Article 34(4A) was inserted by paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1988