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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Payments for Optical Appliances (Amendment No. 4) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988

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The Department of Health and Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 98 and 106 of and Schedule 15 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**b**), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Payments for Optical Appliances (Amendment No. 4) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1988.

(2) In these regulations, "the principal regulations" means the Payments for Optical Appliances Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986(**c**).

Amendment of the principal regulations

2.—(1) In regulation 1(2) of the principal regulations (interpretation) after the definition of "the Remission Regulations" there is inserted the following definition:—

> ""small glasses" means glasses the lens apertures of which have datum centres not more than 56 millimetres apart; and for this purpose "datum centre" is to be construed in accordance with Part One of British Standard 3521: 1962 (Glossary of Terms relating to Ophthalmic Lenses and Spectacle Frames) published by the British Standards Institution, as effective immediately before 15th November 1988;".

(2) In regulation 6 of the principal regulations (payments to suppliers) at the end of paragraph 2(*c*) there is added the following head:—

> "(iv) where the claim relates to a voucher the value of which is increased in accordance with paragraph 1(1)(*e*) of Part II of Schedule 1, certified that the glasses supplied were small glasses.".

(3) In Part II of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations (prisms, tints, photochromic lenses, special glasses and complex appliances)—

(**a**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14). As amended by S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8) and S.I. 1988/594 (N.I. 2)
(**b**) Formerly Department of Finance: *see* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3
(**c**) S.R. 1986 No. 164. As amended by S.R. 1988 No. 80, S.R. 1988 No. 151 and S.R. 1988 No. 302