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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Fund (Cold Weather Payments) (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988

Made	*3rd November 1988*
Coming into operation . .	*7th November 1988*

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) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988 and shall come into operation on 7th November 1988.

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

Amendment of regulation 1 of the principal regulations

2. In regulation 1(2) of the principal regulations (interpretation), for the definition of "period of cold weather" there shall be substituted the following definition—

" "period of cold weather" means a period of 7 consecutive days during which the average of the mean daily temperature for that period is equal to or below 0 degrees Celsius; and for the purposes of this definition where a day forms part of a period of cold weather it shall not form part of any other such period;".

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations

3. In regulation 2(1)(*c*)(ii) of the principal regulations (prescribed circumstances) for "2" there shall be substituted "5".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 3rd November 1988.

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(**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. 1988 No. 368