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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986

Made . . . . . *22nd December 1986*

Coming into operation . . . *26th January 1987*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 19(1) and (2)(*i*) of the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986 and shall come into operation on 26th January 1987.

Amendment of the Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981

2.—(1) The Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(**b**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 14(1) (interpretation of Part IV relating to payments to third parties) for the definition of "mortgage payment" there shall be substituted the following definition—

" "mortgage payment" means a payment of the amount of interest on a mortgage or other loan applicable to a claimant as a housing requirement under regulation 16 or 18 of the Requirements Regulations(**c**);".

(3) In regulation 16 (regular payments to third parties for housing items)—

(*a*) in paragraph (2)(*b*), for the words from "the actual weekly cost" to the end of that sub-paragraph there shall be substituted the following—

" (i) in respect of mortgage payments, the weekly amount of the mortgage payment in that case, and

(ii) for any other housing item, the actual weekly cost necessary in respect of continuing needs for the relevant item,".

(*b*) in paragraph (5)(*a*), for "2" there shall be substituted "8 weeks".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 22nd December 1986.

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Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.I. 1977/2156 (N.I. 27); provisions of the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, as amended by Article 7 of, and Part I of Schedule 2 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8)), are set out in Part II of that Schedule

(**b**) S.R. 1981 No. 368; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1983 No. 290

(**c**) S.R. 1983 No. 61; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1983 No. 247 and S.R. 1984 Nos. 174 and 278