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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security Benefit (Dependency) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984

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Coming into operation . . .	*26th November 1984*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 44(3)(*c*), 46(3) and (4), 49, 66(1)(*d*), 84 and 157(1) of, and Schedule 17 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations which correspond to provision contained in regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Services in relation to Great Britain and which accordingly, by virtue of section 10(2) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to, the Social Security Act 1980(**b**) are not subject to the requirement of section 10(1) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security Benefit (Dependency) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 and shall come into operation on 26th November 1984.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Social Security Benefit (Dependency) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977(**c**).

Amendment of the principal regulations

2.—(1) The principal regulations shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) After regulation 3(4) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

"(5) In the heading to this regulation and in paragraphs (1) and (2) the word "spouse" includes husband as well as wife, except in relation to maintenance contributions for the purposes of section 44(1)(*a*) (short term benefit increase for dependent wife) and section 45(2)(*b*) (pension increase for dependent wife) where it means wife only.".

(3) In regulation 4A(4) "female" shall be omitted and for "wife" there shall be substituted "spouse".

(4) In regulation 4B(1) "female" shall be omitted.

(5) In the heading to and in paragraphs (1) and (2) of regulation 10 "female" shall be omitted.

(6) In regulation 10(2)(*b*)(ii) for "her" there shall be substituted "the".

(**a**) 1975 c. 15; *see* definitions of "prescribe" and "regulations" in Schedule 17. Sections 44(3)(*c*) and 66(1)(*d*) were amended by Article 23(1) of, and paragraphs 17 and 24 of Schedule 4 to, the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I. 1975/1504 (N.I. 16)). Those sections and section 46(4) were also amended by Article 3 of, and paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/870 (N.I. 8)). Section 49 of the Act was amended by Article 5(2) of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to, the Health and Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (S.I. 1984/1158 (N.I. 8))

(**b**) 1980 c. 30

(**c**) S.R. 1977 No. 74; the relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1977 No. 280, S.R. 1978 No. 90, S.R. 1980 No. 144 and S.R. 1983 Nos. 36 and 193