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## SOCIAL SECURITY

### The Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982

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| *Coming into operation* . . . | *1st June 1982* |

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 19(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 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 Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1982.

(2) In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(**c**).

*Amendment of regulation 17 of the principal regulations*

**2.**—(1) Regulation 17 of the principal regulations (regular payments to third parties for fuel items) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) For paragraph (2) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—

"(2) The amount deductible shall, in respect of any fuel item, be such weekly aggregate of the following as is appropriate—

(*a*) subject to paragraph (2A), in respect of the debt to which paragraph (1) applies ("the original debt"), a weekly amount equal to 10 per cent. of the single householder rate (that 10 per cent. being, where it is not a multiple of 5 pence, rounded to the next higher such multiple) and increased, where appropriate, in accordance with paragraph (3) for such period as is necessary to discharge the original debt, so however that the amount, or, where an original debt remains outstanding in respect of more than one fuel item, the aggregate of the amounts calculated under this sub-paragraph shall not exceed three times 5 per cent. of the single householder rate;

(*b*) except where current consumption is paid for by other means (for example pre-payment meter), an amount equal to the estimated average weekly cost necessary to meet the continuing needs for that fuel item, varied, where appropriate, in accordance with paragraph (2B)(*a*).

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(**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**) 1980 c. 30

(**c**) S.R. 1981 No. 368