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The Child Benefit (Miscellaneous Minor Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976

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The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 4(3), 5(5), 8(3), 15(1) and 22(1) of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to, the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(**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 Child Benefit (Miscellaneous Minor Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 13th December 1976.

(2) In these regulations—

"the Claims and Payments Regulations" means the Child Benefit (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(**b**);

"the General Regulations" means the Child Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(**c**);

"the Residence and Persons Abroad Regulations" means the Child Benefit (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(**d**),

and each provision of these regulations which amends other regulations shall be read as one with the regulations which it amends.

Amendment of the Claims and Payments Regulations

2.—(1) In regulation 9 of the Claims and Payments Regulations (modification of Article 8(3) of the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 which Article provides that, except where regulations otherwise provide, no person shall be entitled to benefit for any week on a claim made by him after that week if benefit in respect of the same child has already been paid for that week to another person, whether or not that other person was entitled to it) at the end of paragraph (*b*) there shall be added "in a case where the determining authority has decided that that benefit while not properly payable is not required to be repaid.".

(2) In Part V of the Claims and Payments Regulations (transitional provisions) after regulation 16 there shall be inserted the following regulation:

"*Treating a claim to benefit under Article* 18 *of the Order as a claim to an increase*

16A. If the Department in its discretion so determines, a claim to benefit under Article 18 of the Order (interim benefit for unmarried or separated parents with children) made in the transitional period may be treated as a claim to an increase.".

(a) S.I. 1975/1504 (N.I. 16)
(b) S.R. 1976 No. 224
(c) S.R. 1976 No. 226
(d) S.R. 1976 No. 227