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**SOCIAL SECURITY**

# The Social Security (Child's Special Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975

*Made* *26th March* 1975

*Coming into operation* *6th April* 1975

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of powers conferred on it by sections 31 and 152(*a*) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 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 Social Security (Child's Special Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975, and shall come into operation on 6th April 1975.

(2) Any reference in these regulations to any provision made by or contained in an enactment shall, except in so far as the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to that provision as amended or extended by any enactment or instrument and as including a reference to any provision which may re-enact or replace it.

(3) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of these regulations as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Minimum weekly rate of contributions for child's special allowance*

**2.** The prescribed rate for the purposes of section 31(*c*) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 (child's special allowance payable if the husband referred to in that subsection had before his death been contributing at not less than the prescribed weekly rate to the cost of providing for the child in question) shall be the weekly rate of £0·25.

*Voidable marriages*

**3.** For the purposes of section 31 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 (child's special allowance where a woman's marriage has been terminated by divorce) a voidable marriage which has been annulled, whether before or after the date when these regulations come into force, shall be treated as if it had been a valid marriage which was terminated by divorce at the date of annulment.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 26th March 1975.

(L.S.)

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(a) 1975 c. 15

(b) 1889 c. 63