1974 No. 89 **[NC]**

EMERGENCY POWERS

The Emergency (Payment of Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974

ORDER, DATED THE 21ST DAY OF MAY 1974, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MAKING REGULATIONS UNDER SECTION 2 OF THE EMERGENCY POWERS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1926 AS AMENDED BY THE EMERGENCY POWERS (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1964.

WHEREAS a proclamation of emergency was, on the 19th day of May 1974, made under section 1 of the Emergency Powers Act (Northern Ireland) 1926(**a**), as amended by the Emergency Powers (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1964(**b**), and is now in force:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Right Honourable Merlyn Rees, MP, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 2 of the Emergency Powers Act (Northern Ireland) 1926 as amended by the Emergency Powers (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1964 and adapted by section 40 of and paragraph 4 of Schedule 5 to the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973(**c**) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, by this Order, hereby make the following Regulations:—

Title and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Emergency (Payment of Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation forthwith.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"the Department" means the Department of Health and Social Services;

"insurance officer" means an officer appointed under section 67 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**d**);

"supplementary benefit" means benefit within the meaning of the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**e**);

"unemployment benefit" and "sickness benefit" mean respectively unemployment benefit and sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland) 1966 to 1973, including any sum payable by way of increase of or supplement to that benefit under those Acts.

Emergency benefit

3.—(1) If it appears to the Department that the normal administration of the enactments relating to supplementary benefit, unemployment benefit or sickness benefit has become, or is about to become, impracticable in any cases or in cases of any class, the Department may make payments of benefit (to be known as "emergency benefit") to the persons mentioned in paragraph (2).

(**a**) 16 & 17 Geo. 5 c. 8 (N.I.).
(**b**) 1964 c. 34 (N.I.).
(**c**) 1973 c. 36.
(**d**) 1966 c. 6 (N.I.).
(**e**) 1966 c. 28 (N.I.).