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FAMILY INCOME SUPPLEMENTS**General**

REGULATIONS, DATED 3RD FEBRUARY 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE FAMILY INCOME SUPPLEMENTS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred by section 6(2) of the Family Income Supplements Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations being regulations subject to negative resolution in accordance with section 10(3) of that Act:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Family Income Supplements (General) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972 and shall come into operation on 8th February 1972.

Amendment of the Family Income Supplements (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971

2. For regulation 3 of the Family Income Supplements (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971(b) (circumstances in which benefit may be made payable otherwise than for twenty-six weeks beginning with the date of the claim therefor) there shall be substituted the following regulation:

"Circumstances in which benefit may be made payable otherwise than for twenty-six weeks beginning with the date of the claim therefor and in which the rate of benefit payable may be increased"

3.—(1) Where the available evidence leaves the Commission or the Appeal Tribunal in doubt as to the rate at which benefit should be payable, but satisfies them that benefit should be payable at not less than a certain weekly rate, they may determine that benefit shall be payable at the latter rate for a period of less than twenty-six weeks, but not less than four weeks.

(2) Where a beneficiary makes a claim not more than four weeks before or after the expiration of a period for which benefit is payable (hereafter in this paragraph referred to as a "renewal claim"), any benefit payable on the basis of the renewal claim shall be payable for a period commencing immediately after the expiration of the period for which benefit was previously payable.

(3) Where a claim is made on or after the date on which regulations have been made in exercise of powers conferred by section 2(2) of the Act (power to make regulations substituting higher amounts for those for the time being specified in section 2 of the Act) or by section 3(4) of the Act (power to make regulations varying the proportion and increasing the amounts for the time being specified in section 3 of the Act) but before the date on which the regulations come into operation, then if benefit is not payable for the family in respect of whom the claim is made but would

(a) 1971. c. 8 (N.I.).

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 122.