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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order provides for the coming into operation of provisions of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 as follows—

22nd November 2000 for provisions relating to—

the sharing of state scheme rights,  
child benefit disregards,  
the Social Security Advisory Committee,  
pensions miscellaneous amendments and repeals, and  
social security investigation powers;

22nd November 2000 for provisions relating to—

child support,  
discretionary financial assistance with housing,  
recovery of housing benefit, and  
housing benefit revision and appeals,

for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations;

1st January 2001 for a further provision relating to child support; and

8th January 2001 for provisions relating to state second pension for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations or orders.

The impact on business of the commencement of provisions in the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 is detailed in the Regulatory Impact Assessment relating to the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill. A copy of that Assessment may be obtained, free of charge, from Social Security Policy and Legislation Division, Castle Buildings, Stormont, Belfast BT4 3SQ.