EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision about payments of winter heating payment to certain individuals who are in receipt of specified low income benefits. Regulation 4 sets out the eligibility rules for winter heating payment. Regulations 5 to 8 make provision about matters of procedure for determining entitlement to winter heating payment. Regulations 9 and 10 provide for payments of winter heating payment. A Business Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared and placed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre. Copies can be obtained from the Social Security Directorate, Scottish Government, Area 1B South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ, and online at www.legislation.gov.uk.