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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2023 No. 640**

**The Social Security (Income and Capital Disregards) (Amendment) Regulations 2023**

**Amendment of the Social Security (Recovery of Benefits) Regulations 1997**

9. In the Social Security (Recovery of Benefits) Regulations 1997<sup>(1)</sup>, in regulation 2 (exempted trusts and payments)—

(a) in paragraph (2), after sub-paragraph (r) insert—

“(s) any payment made for the purpose of providing compensation or support in respect of the fire on 14th June 2017 at Grenfell Tower;

(t) any payment made by the Post Office or the Secretary of State for the purpose of providing compensation or support which is—

(i) in connection with the failings of the Horizon system; or

(ii) otherwise payable following the judgment in *Bates and Others v Post Office Ltd* ((No. 3) “Common Issues”)<sup>(2)</sup>.”;

(b) after paragraph (2) insert—

“(3) In this regulation—

“the Horizon system” means any version of the computer system used by the Post Office known as Horizon, Horizon Legacy, Horizon Online or HNG-X;

“the Post Office” means Post Office Limited (registered number 02154540).”

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<sup>(1)</sup> S.I. 1997/2205. Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 2021/1405.

<sup>(2)</sup> [2019] EWHC 606 (QB).