STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 489

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Income Support (General) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made--14th October 1996Coming into operation8th November 1996

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(a) and 131(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(1), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Income Support (General) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 8th November 1996.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(2) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of regulation 21(3A) of the Income Support (General) Regulations

2. In regulation 21(3A) of the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**3**) (applicable amounts for persons in residential accommodation) the words from "and the Department" to the end shall be omitted.

^{(1) 1992} c. 7

^{(2) 1954} c. 33 (N.I.)

⁽³⁾ S.R. 1987 No. 459; regulation 21(3A) was inserted by regulation 2(b) of S.R. 1991 No. 345 and amended by paragraph 6(6) of Schedule 2 to S.R. 1993 No. 149

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 14th October 1996.

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John O'Neill Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend regulation 21(3A) of the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 ("the Income Support Regulations") so as to provide that a person who is in residential accommodation provided by the Department of Health and Social Services ("the Department") and who is still in such accommodation when that accommodation becomes a residential care home for the purpose of the Income Support Regulations, will be treated as being in residential accommodation, notwithstanding that the Department may no longer be under a duty to provide or make arrangements for providing accommodation for that person.

These Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Security in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 149(3) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8), are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.