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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1997 No. 452**

**The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment  
No. 7) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997**

**Amendment of regulation 94 of the principal Regulations**

**3.** In regulation 94 of the principal Regulations (circumstances in which payment may be made to a landlord or the Department of the Environment)—

- (a) in paragraph (1)(1) after “does not apply” there shall be inserted “but subject to paragraph (1B)”;
- (b) after paragraph (1A)(2) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“(1B) In a case where the Executive is not satisfied that the landlord is a fit and proper person to be the recipient of a claimant’s rent allowance or rate rebate, the Executive may either—

- (a) not make direct payments to the landlord in accordance with paragraph (1), or
- (b) make such payments to the landlord where the Executive is satisfied that it is nonetheless in the best interests of the claimant and his family that the payments be made.”.