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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Regulation 2 of these Regulations amends paragraph 6 of Schedule 8B to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 by reducing from £0·72 to £0·69 the fee which qualifying lenders pay for the purpose of defraying administrative expenses incurred by the Department of Health and Social Services in making payments in respect of mortgage interest direct to those lenders.

Regulation 3 makes a consequential revocation.

These Regulations correspond 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, are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.