STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 340

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Temporary Increase) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

Made		•		•	•	9th November 2000
Coming into operation						11th November 2000

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 134(2) and 171(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act $1992(\mathbf{a})$, and now vested in it(**b**), 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 Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Temporary Increase) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 11th November 2000.

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

Modification of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations

2. For the purposes of making social fund winter fuel payments in respect of the winter which immediately precedes the spring of the year 2001, regulation 2(b) of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000(d) (social fund winter fuel payments) shall be modified as if—

- (a) in head (i) for the reference to £150 there were substituted a reference to £200, and
- (b) in head (ii) for the reference to £75 there were substituted a reference to £100.

(a) 1992 c. 7

⁽b) See Article 8(b) of, and Part II of Schedule 6 to, the Departments (Transfer and Assignment of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (S.R. 1999 No. 481)

⁽c) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

⁽d) S.R. 2000 No. 91; regulation 2(b) was amended by regulation 2 of S.R. 2000 No. 259

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 9th November 2000.

(L.S.)

John O'Neill Senior Officer of the Department for Social Development

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations modify the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 by increasing the amount of money payable to persons out of the social fund in respect of expenses for heating which appear to the Department to be likely to be incurred in cold weather during the coming winter.

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.

These Regulations do not impose a charge on business.

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