

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 by increasing the amount of the winter fuel payment. They also make some clarifactory drafting amendments.

These Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions 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.