

**2003 No. 56**

**FAMILY LAW**

**CHILD SUPPORT**

**The Child Support (Applications: Prescribed Date)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003**

*Made* - - - - - *7th February 2003*

*Coming into operation* *3rd March 2003*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 7(10)(a) of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(a) and now vested in it(b), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Child Support (Applications: Prescribed Date) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 3rd March 2003.

**Prescribed date**

**2.** The date prescribed for the purposes of Article 7(10)(a) of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (applications for child support maintenance: exclusion in respect of existing maintenance orders) is 3rd March 2003.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 7th February 2003.

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(a) S.I. 1991/2628 (N.I. 23); Article 7(10) was inserted by Article 12(1) of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/2702 (N.I. 13)) and sub-paragraph (a) is amended by section 2(2) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4 (N.I.))  
(b) See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations specify 3rd March 2003 as the date prescribed for the purposes of Article 7(10)(a) of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (“the Order”) which precludes an application for child support maintenance in cases in respect of which there is in force a maintenance order made before that date.

Article 7(10)(a) of the Order, the enabling provision under which these Regulations are made, is amended by section 2(2) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (“the Act”). The Child Support, Pensions and Social Security (2000 Act) (Commencement No. 9) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. 2003 No. 53 (C. 4)) provides for the coming into operation of section 2(2) of the Act on 7th February 2003, for the purpose only of making regulations, and on 3rd March 2003, in so far as it is not already in operation, for the purpose of certain cases in accordance with Article 3 of that Order.

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