

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 so as to make provision consequent upon the introduction of state pension credit. In particular, they make provision in respect of eligibility for receipt of a winter fuel payment and as to the size of that payment where a single person or a member of a couple is in receipt of state pension credit.

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.

A regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this rule as it has no impact on the costs of business.