EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision for claiming and paying Shared Additional Pension.

Regulation 2 amends the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 (S.R. 1987 No. 465) in relation to claims for and payment of shared additional pension.

Regulations 3 to 8 harmonise various regulations to align the rules for claiming and paying Shared Additional Pension with those relating to Retirement Pension and Graduated Retirement Benefit.

Regulation 9 makes transitional provisions.

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, 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.