

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes provision for the modification of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 and the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 so as to give effect to the Convention on Social Security signed between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland, as amended by the Exchange of Notes.

The Convention set out in Schedule 1 relates to reciprocity in benefits for sickness, maternity, invalidity and unemployment, retirement pension and survivor's benefit and benefit for industrial accidents and industrial diseases in relation to persons to whom Council Regulation [\(EEC\) 1408/71](#) does not apply moving between Ireland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Notes set out in Schedule 2 amend the Convention to take account of legislative changes in the United Kingdom relating to the benefit entitlement of spouses and civil partners.