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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2017 No. 28**

**The Welfare Supplementary Payment  
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017**

**PART 3**

**AMENDMENTS TO WELFARE SUPPLEMENTARY  
PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF THE BENEFIT CAP**

**Entitlement to welfare supplementary payment where couple separates**

**21.** After regulation 4E insert—

**“Entitlement to welfare supplementary payment where couple separates**

**4F.—**(1) Paragraph (2) applies where—

- (a) A and B were a couple,
- (b) on or after 31 May 2016, A and B ceased to be a couple, and
- (c) immediately before that, either the couple or A were entitled to a welfare supplementary payment under this Part.

(2) Where this paragraph applies, regulation 4(2)(a) is to be treated as being satisfied in respect of B on the date that A and B cease to be a couple.

(3) Paragraph (4) applies where—

- (a) A and B were a couple,
- (b) on or after 31 May 2016, A and B ceased to be a couple, and
- (c) immediately before that, either the couple or A were entitled to a welfare benefit.

(4) Where this paragraph applies, then for the purposes of regulation 4(2)(a), B is to be treated as if B was entitled to that welfare benefit from the date that the couple or A were entitled to it.”.