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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Schedule to the Statutory Sick Pay (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 (“the 1982 Regulations”). Regulation 2 of the 1982 Regulations provides that a person who is self-isolating in accordance with the Schedule is deemed to be incapable of work.

Regulation 2 of these Regulations adds a new category of person to the Schedule. This is a person who has been notified that they have had contact with a person with coronavirus or a person who has symptoms of coronavirus, and who is self-isolating for 14 days from the latest date on which that contact occurred, or a date specified in the latest notification.

No regulatory impact assessment has been produced for these Regulations in view of the urgency required to provide additional financial support to those unable to work as a result of coronavirus.

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.