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SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

General

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD OCTOBER 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS &C. ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services on behalf of the Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by section 18(1) of the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations being regulations subject to negative resolution in accordance with section 38(2) of that Act:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972, shall be read as one with the Supplementary Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966(b) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on 6th November 1972.

Amendment of regulation 7 of the principal regulations

- **2.**—(1) Paragraph (1)(b) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations (review of determinations made by the Commission or an Appeal Tribunal) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).
 - (2) In head (i) the words "of more than 10 new pence" shall be omitted.
- (3) In head (ii) for the words "10 new pence in that amount; or" there shall be substituted the words "20p in that amount.".
 - (4) Head (iii) shall be omitted.

Transitional provision

3. A determination that would not have been eligible for review under regulation 7(1)(b)(i) of the principal regulations as in force immediately before 6th November 1972 shall not be reviewed under that regulation as amended by regulation 2 of these regulations in respect of any week preceding that date.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of October 1972.

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C. G. Oakes,
Assistant Secretary.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend the provisions dealing with reviews of awards of supplementary pension or allowance on changes of circumstances. They remove the prohibition on review in cases where an increase of benefit would not exceed 10p and restrict review leading to reduction of benefit to cases where the reduction exceeds 20p (previously 10p).