

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations contain provisions relating to child benefit under the Child Benefit Act 1975 in the case of person who are or have been outside Great Britain.

Part I of the Regulations contains general provisions relaxing the requirements as to presence in Great Britain set out in section 13(2) and (3) of the Act; Part II of the Regulations contains additional relaxing provisions applicable to certain specified categories of persons; and Part III of the Regulations contains transitional provisions one of which (regulation 9) applies to child benefit the provisions of Reciprocal Agreements relating to the Family Allowances Acts 1965 to 1975 set out in the Schedule to the Regulations. The subject matter of each provision of the Regulations is shown in the table of arrangement at the beginning of the Regulations.

The appointed day, the day on which child benefit first becomes payable, is 4th April 1977 (see the Child Benefit Act 1975 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I. 1976 No. 961)).