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**SOCIAL SECURITY****The Social Security (Maximum Additional Component)  
Regulations 1978***Laid before Parliament in draft**Made - - - - 7th July 1978**Coming into Operation 6th April 1979*

Whereas a draft of the following regulations was laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 9(3) of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Maximum Additional Component) Regulations 1978 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1979.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, “the Pensions Act” means the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 and other expressions have the same meaning as in the Social Security Act 1975(b).

(3) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of these regulations as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Prescribed maximum additional component*

2. For the purposes of section 9(3) of the Pensions Act (increase of additional component of Category A retirement pension for surviving spouses) the maximum additional component in any tax year shall be—

(a) the amount of additional component to which a person would have been entitled under section 6 of the Pensions Act if—

(i) he had reached pensionable age and retired on the first day of that tax year; and

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(a) 1975 c. 60.

(b) 1975 c. 14.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

- (ii) in respect of each relevant year he had an earnings factor which, before any increase under section 21 of the Pensions Act, is equal to 53 times that year's upper earnings limit; or
- (b) where one or more directions given under section 23 of the Pensions Act increasing the sums mentioned in subsection (1)(b) of that section have taken effect, that amount as it would have been increased by that direction or those directions.

*David Ennals,*

Secretary of State for Social Services.

7th July 1978.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations prescribe a maximum additional component for the purposes of section 9(3) of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975, which makes provision for circumstances in which the additional components in the Category A retirement pensions of surviving spouses should be increased up to that maximum.

Being made under section 9(3) of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975, these Regulations, by virtue of section 61(1)(b) of that Act, do not have to be referred to the National Insurance Advisory Committee and they have not been so referred.

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