

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations further amend the Child Benefit (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations 1976.

Regulation 2 reduces from 26 to 8 the number of weeks a person may, subject to prescribed conditions, receive child benefit while he or the child in respect of whom the benefit is payable is outside Great Britain.

Regulation 3 is a transitional provision which provides that a person who is entitled to benefit for the week beginning 2nd July 1984 whilst he or the child in respect of whom the benefit was payable were outside Great Britain shall retain an entitlement to benefit for a maximum of 26 weeks. This transitional provision will expire on 31st December 1984.

Regulation 4 revokes provisions which relate to transitional matters connected with the coming into force of the Child Benefit Act 1975 and which are now spent.

The report of the Social Security Advisory Committee dated 15th June 1984 on a draft of these Regulations, together with a statement by the Secretary of State in response to the Committee's recommendation, which relates to administration rather than the text of these regulations, is contained in Command Paper (Cmnd. 9279) published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office.