

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

These regulations further amend the Social Security Benefit (Dependency) Regulations 1977 (the “principal regulations”). They are regulations which could not have been made if section 84(4) of the Social Security Act 1975 had not been amended by section 13 of the Social Security Act 1985 and are made before the expiry of the period of 6 months beginning with the passing of the latter Act. Accordingly, by virtue of section 24(1)(b) and (5) of the latter Act they are exempt from the requirements of section 10(1) of the Social Security Act 1980 (reference of regulations to the Social Security Advisory Committee).

The regulations enlarge the list of dependency provisions which are within the scope of regulation 3(1) of the principal regulations (allocation of contributions for spouse or children) by adding references to section 44(3)(a), 45A(2)(b) and 47(1)(a) of the Social Security Act 1975 by which a wife may be entitled to an increase of benefit in respect of a dependent husband. They also substitute a new paragraph (5) in regulation 3 relating to the meaning of the word “spouse” in that regulation.