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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order makes provision for modification of the Social Security Act 1975 so as to give effect in England, Wales and Scotland to the Supplementary Convention (set out in the Schedule) which amends the Convention on social security signed at Vienna on 22nd July 1980 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Austria.

The changes (which do not affect the Convention insofar as family allowances are concerned) take account of amendments in the legislation of both Contracting Parties; the pension provisions have been simplified and a new provision has been included which allows persons employed in Austria but insured under United Kingdom legislation to contribute voluntarily to the Austrian scheme for purposes of sickness insurance. The provision dealing with maternity grant (Article 12) has been removed from the Convention.