EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations contain provisions about the making of claims for, and the payment of, benefits under the Social Security Acts 1975–86 and the Child Benefit Act 1975. They are made before the end of the period of 12 months from the commencement of the enactments under which they are made and are therefore exempt, under section 61(5) of the Social Security Act 1986, from the requirement in section 10 of the Social Security Act 1980 to refer proposals to make the regulations to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

Part I of the Regulations contains general provisions including definitions.

Part II, with Schedules 1 to 5, contains provisions about claims for benefit. In particular, the cases in which claims are not required; the method of making a claim and the time limits for doing so; interchange with other claims; advance claims for and awards of benefit and the duration of awards and disallowance.

Part III, with Schedules 6 to 8, specifies the time when, and the method by which, benefit is to be paid. Schedule 7, which deals with income support, also contains provisions about when entitlement is to begin and when a change of circumstances is to have effect.

Part IV and Schedule 9 sets out the circumstances in which benefit may be paid to someone other than the beneficiary.

Part V is about the suspension of benefit and the extinguishment of the right to payment.

Part VI contains special provisions for mobility allowance.

Part VII and Schedule 10 contain miscellaneous provisions and revocations.

Changes to legislation:There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987.