

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987 to provide for the disregard, in the calculation of income and capital, of charitable payments made to haemophiliacs under the Macfarlane Trust; and exempt a person from the requirement to furnish any information relating to such payments (regulations 1 to 6, 9 and 10). They also make provision for payments to be made on account of rent and rate rebates for a period before 30th June 1988 where it has been impracticable to determine a claim (regulation 8); and for notifications on determinations made on claims before that date to be in a shortened form (regulation 7).

The Regulations are made before the expiry of 12 months from the commencement of the provisions under which they are made: they are accordingly exempt by section 61(5) of the Social Security Act 1986, from reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee and have not been so referred.