

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations further amend the Family Credit, Housing Benefit and Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 and the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987.

They raise to £8,000 for family credit and income support, and to £16,000 for housing benefit, the capital limit over which a person is not to be entitled to benefit, the limit for treating outstanding capital as income and the limit for calculating weekly tariff income (regulations 3(2), 4(2) and 5(2)). They also make provision, where a person becomes entitled to housing benefit or income support as a result of the increase in the capital limit, for backdating a claim made not later than 27th May 1990 to the date on which he satisfied the entitlement conditions for benefit and for entitlement to housing benefit to begin from the benefit week in which that date falls (regulations 2 and 4(3) and (4)).