EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations modify the time limit prescribed in regulation 8(2) of the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 1988 ("the principal Regulations") within which a person may claim the repayment of certain charges he has paid for services under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 or of travelling expenses he or, in certain cases, a travelling companion, has incurred in attending a hospital for treatment under the National Health Service.

The time limit is extended in relation to claims for repayment made by persons who become entitled to remission of charges or payment of expenses under the principal Regulations in consequence of the increase from £6,000 to £8,000 in the capital limit prescribed for the purposes of determining eligibility for income support under the Social Security Act 1986, provided that those persons make their claim for repayment, or claim income support, by no later than 27th May 1990.