EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987, the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987 and the Community Charge Benefits (General) Regulations 1989 so as to uprate the amounts of the pensioner premium and higher pensioner premium with effect from 5th October 1992. They further provide for the amount of the increase to be disregarded in determining the amount of the claimant's transitional addition under the Income Support (Transitional) Regulations 1987.

These Regulations, in so far as they relate to housing benefit and community charge benefits, have the effect of increasing amounts specified in the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987 and the Community Charge Benefits (General) Regulations 1989. In accordance with section 61(7) of the Social Security Act 1986 the Secretary of State is not required to consult, and has not consulted, with organisations appearing to him to be representative of local authorities.