EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision in relation to the collection and enforcement of child support maintenance under the Child Support Act 1991.

Part I contains interpretation provisions and provisions relating to the service and receipt of notices and other documents.

Part II (regulations 2 to 7) deals with the collection of child support maintenance and, in particular, makes provision in relation to the method and interval of payment and the notification of such matters to the liable person.

Part III (regulations 8 to 25) makes provision in relation to deduction from earnings orders under which payments in respect of child support maintenance are to be deducted by employers from the earnings of liable persons. Regulation 25 creates offences where certain of the requirements are contravened.

Part IV (regulations 26 to 34) and Schedules 1 to 3 make provision in relation to the obtaining of liability orders in the magistrates' courts and in relation to the enforcement of those orders by distraining the liable person's goods or by commitment to prison.