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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Housing Benefit (Supply of Information) Regulations 1988 (S.I.1988/662), and the Council Tax Benefit (General) Regulations 1992 (S.I. 1992/1814).

With respect to housing benefit and council tax benefit,

- (a) they amend the categories of information which the Secretary of State may supply to local authorities, to include information required for certain purposes in relation to overpayments of, and offences relating to, housing benefit and council tax benefit;
- (b) they amend the categories of information which local authorities are to supply to the Secretary of State, to include information required for certain purposes in relation to overpayments of, and offences relating to, social security benefits.

With respect to the Housing Benefit (Supply of Information) Regulations 1988 they amend the definition “claimant” and provide a definition of “family”.

These Regulations do not impose a charge on businesses.