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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 2544**

**The Social Fund Cold Weather Payments  
(General) Amendment Regulations 1996**

**Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal Regulations**

**4.—**(1) Regulation 2 of the principal Regulations<sup>(1)</sup> (prescribed circumstances) shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(2) In paragraph (1)(a)—

- (a) in head (i), the words from “or, if that station” to “for that period” shall be omitted;
- (b) in head (ii), for the word “and” there shall be substituted the word “or”;
- (c) after head (ii) there shall be inserted the following head—

“(iii) if a station referred to in (i) or (ii) (“the primary station”) is unable to provide temperature information for the period in question, there is, as the case may be, a recorded period of cold weather or a forecasted period of cold weather at the specified alternative station for the primary station in column (2) of Schedule 2 to these Regulations or, where there is no such alternative station specified, at the nearest such station to the primary station able to provide temperature information for that period; and.”

(3) For paragraph (1)(b) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(b) the home of the claimant is, or by virtue of paragraph (2)(b) is treated as, situated in a postcode district in respect of which the station mentioned in sub-paragraph (a)(i) or, as the case may be, (a)(ii) is the designated station.”

(4) In paragraph (2)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), for the words “Post Office postcode areas or parts thereof” there shall be substituted the words “postcode districts”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b)—
  - (i) for the words “Post Office postcode area”, in both places where those words occur, there shall be substituted the words “postcode district”;
  - (ii) the words “or part of such an area”, in both places where those words occur, shall be omitted.

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(1) Regulation 2 was substituted by [S.I.1991/2238](#) and amended by [S.I.1991/2448](#) and [1992/2448](#).