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Consequential Amendments Regulations 1996**

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1. (1) Subject to paragraphs 3 and 4, the equivalent weekly...
2. The Table referred to in paragraph 1(1) is set out...
3. The equivalent weekly value of the property transferred shall be...
4. The Secretary of State may determine a lower equivalent weekly...
5. In this Schedule, "maintenance" has the same meaning as in...

Explanatory Note

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