

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I. [1987/1971](#)) (the “Housing Benefit Regulations”).

Regulation 3 inserts a new regulation into the Housing Benefit Regulations to exempt hostel dwellers from the requirements in respect of national insurance numbers imposed by section 1 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992.

Regulation 4 omits the definition of “hostel” from regulation 12A of the Housing Benefit Regulations (requirement to refer to rent officers) and inserts it into regulation 2 (interpretation).

These Regulations do not impose a charge on businesses.