

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations provide for winter fuel payments to be made out of the social fund to persons who, in the third week of September in any year—

- a) are aged 60 or over;
- b) are ordinarily resident in Great Britain;
- c) satisfy the criteria in regulation 2; and
- d) are not excluded by regulation 3.

Regulation 4 provides for winter fuel payments to be made without the need for a claim to persons—

a) whose entitlement thereto can be established from official records held by the Secretary of State; and

b) who are entitled to income support in the third week in September in a year by virtue of a decision made after that week that they are refugees.

It further provides that decisions as to entitlement which are made without a claim may be made on the basis of official records but not so as to exclude the consideration of other evidence on a revision or supersession of that decision under the Social Security Act 1998.

Regulation 5 revokes legislation which has hitherto provided for social fund winter fuel payments. These Regulations do not impose a charge on businesses.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2000.