## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1987 ("the Claims and Payments Regulations") and the Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 1999 ("the Decisions and Appeals Regulations").

Regulation 2 amends regulation 6 of the Claims and Payments Regulations to provide for certain claims to take effect earlier when entitlement is affected by benefit awarded to a partner or child or where entitlement to income support or jobseeker's allowance is affected by a qualifying benefit, and makes minor amendments relating certain provisions in regulation 6 to the award rather than the payability of a benefit.

Regulation 3 amends regulation 19 to provide for an extension of the time for claiming income support, jobseeker's allowance, working families' tax credit and disabled person's tax credit in specified circumstances.

Regulation 4 amends the Decisions and Appeals Regulations. The power to revise or supersede a decision under regulation 3(7) or 6(2)(e) is amended. The date certain decisions are superseded under regulation 7(7) is amended.

These Regulations do not impose a charge on business.