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SOCIAL SECURITY

**The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Temporary Increase)
Regulations 2008**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>3rd July 2008</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>10th July 2008</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>15th September 2008</i>

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(a), sections 138(2) and (4) and 175(1), (3) and (4).

The Social Security Advisory Committee has agreed that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it(b).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Temporary Increase) Regulations 2008 and shall come into force on 15th September 2008.

Modification of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2000

2.—(1) For the purpose of making social fund winter fuel payments in respect of the 2008–09 winter, regulation 2 of the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2000(c) (social fund winter fuel payments) is applied as if—

- (a) the references to £100 (in both places) were to £125;
- (b) in paragraphs (1)(i), (2)(a) and (3), the reference to £200 were to £250;
- (c) in paragraph (2)(b), the reference to £200 were to £275;
- (d) in paragraph (2)(b), the reference to £150 were to £200; and
- (e) the references to £300 (in both places) were to £400.

(2) In this regulation, “the 2008–09 winter” means the winter which follows the qualifying week beginning on 15th September 2008.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

- (a) 1992 c.4. Section 138 contains amendments not relevant to these Regulations. Section 175(1) and (4) was amended by the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) Act 1999 (c. 2), Schedule 3, paragraph 29.
- (b) See sections 170, 172 and 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c.5). Amendments not relevant to these Regulations have been made to section 170.
- (c) S.I. 2000/729. Regulation 2 was inserted by S.I. 2003/1737 and has been amended by S.I. 2003/2192 and 2004/2154. Other amendments have been made which are not relevant to these Regulations.

3rd July 2008

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations modify the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2000 to provide for an increase in winter fuel payments for winter 2008/2009.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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