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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2013 No. 717**

**SOCIAL SECURITY, NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Guardian's Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2013**

*Made* - - - - 26th March 2013

*Coming into force* - - 8th April 2013

Following a review in the tax year ending with 5th April 2013 of the sums specified in section 150(1)(a)(i) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(1) (“the Great Britain Administration Act”) (annual up-rating of benefits) the Treasury have determined that the general level of prices in Great Britain is greater at the end of the period under review than it was at the beginning.

Section 132(1) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(2) (“the Northern Ireland Administration Act”) provides that, whenever the Treasury make an Order under section 150 of the Great Britain Administration Act, they may make corresponding provision in respect of Northern Ireland.

A draft of this instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament in accordance with section 166(10A)(3) of the Northern Ireland Administration Act.

The Treasury make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 132(1) and 165(4) of the Northern Ireland Administration Act and now vested in them(4).

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(1) 1992 c. 5.

(2) 1992 c. 8.

(3) Subsection (10A) was inserted by paragraph 50(4) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security (Transfer of Functions, etc) (Northern Ireland) Order (S.I. 1999/671) and amended by paragraph 11(3) of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002.

(4) The functions of the Secretary of State in respect of guardian's allowance under Part 10 of the Great Britain Administration Act (review and alteration of benefits: Great Britain) which are relevant to the making of this Order were transferred to the Treasury by section 49(3) of the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21). The functions of the Department for Social Development in respect of guardian's allowance under section 132 of the Northern Ireland Administration Act which are relevant to the making of this Order were transferred to the Treasury by section 49(4) of the Tax Credits Act 2002.