

Services under Section 10 of the Social Security Act 1980 to consider and report on regulations entitled The Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1982 which were made as a matter of urgency. They came into effect on 28th April 1982.

A short explanatory note provided by the Department of Health and Social Security on these regulations is appended to this notice. The Committee will take into account any comments or objections made by or on behalf of people or organizations who would be affected by the regulations received by them not later than 28th May 1982. Comments or objections should be sent to Miss G. Moore, the Secretary, Social Security Advisory Committee, Room 457, New Court, Carey Street, London, WC2A 2LS. Copies of the draft of these regulations can be obtained on request to Mr. J. F. Rutherford, the Assistant Secretary of the Committee (01-831 6111 Ext. 2636, address as for the Secretary).

These Regulations will apply to Great Britain only. Corresponding provision for Northern Ireland will be made in regulations made by the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland. The Northern Ireland Regulations will not require separate submission to the Social Security Advisory Committee by virtue of paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Act 1980 (1980 c.30).

Miss G. Moore, Secretary.

30th April 1982.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations amend regulation 17(2) and (3) of the Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1981.

Regulation 17(2) is amended to provide, subject to certain exceptions and to transitional provisions, for the doubling of the amount which may be deducted from weekly supplementary benefit in respect of any debt for gas or electricity and paid direct to the person or body to whom the debt is due. The amendment also provides for the amount being deducted from benefit to meet the beneficiary's continuing needs for the relevant fuel to be adjusted on review to take account of any credit balance or further debt which may have accrued in respect of the beneficiary. Regulation 17(3) is amended to make clear that where either the beneficiary or his partner has income which is disregarded for the purposes of calculating his supplementary benefit the amount or total of the amounts deducted in respect of a fuel debt may be increased by not more than one half of the amount of the income disregarded.

DEPARTMENT FOR NATIONAL SAVINGS

SAVE AS YOU EARN; EXTENSION TERMS FOR THE THIRD ISSUE (SERIES 1 AND 2)

The Treasury hereby give notice in accordance with paragraph 13 of the Save As You Earn Third Issue prospectuses issued by the Department for National Savings and dated 1st July 1975 and 1st April 1981 (hereinafter together called "the prospectus") that the following terms shall apply in respect of any contract issued under the prospectus which is repaid after the seventh anniversary of its starting date (hereinafter called "the seventh anniversary"). In this notice "index" and "month" and any reference to the index figure applicable to any month shall be construed in accordance with the prospectus.

1. The value of the contract on the seventh anniversary shall be calculated in accordance with the prospectus as if repayment had been made on that date and the total shall be rounded to the nearest penny. The value so calculated is hereinafter referred to as the capitalised value.

2. The total sum repayable in respect of the contract after the seventh anniversary shall never be less than the capitalised value.

3. If repayment is made in respect of the contract within the three months following the seventh anniversary

the sum repayable shall be the capitalised value; if repayment is made at any time thereafter the capitalised value shall be index-linked for three months or the longest period for which the contract has been held since the seventh anniversary which is a multiple of three months. The index-linked capitalised value shall be calculated by multiplying the index figure applicable to the first month following the index-linked period by the capitalised value and dividing the product by the index figure applicable to the month in which the seventh anniversary fell.

4. If the index is revised to a new base on or after the seventh anniversary the last two sentences of paragraph 11 of the prospectus shall apply to the calculation under paragraph 3 of this notice *mutatis mutandis*.

5. Where a person has failed to pay a contribution under the prospectus on or before the due date and, as a consequence, the starting date and the seventh anniversary have been deemed to have been postponed under the prospectus the postponed dates shall have effect for the purposes of these extension terms.

6. The Treasury may revoke this notice or vary all or any of the terms contained herein by giving three months' notice in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes. Such revocation or variation may apply to all contracts started under the prospectuses or to such contracts as are specified in the notice but shall not in any event prejudice the right of a person holding a contract to have repaid to him the amount which was payable to him in respect of that contract immediately before the said revocation or variation.

INDEX-LINKED NATIONAL SAVINGS MOVEMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GENERAL INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES

For the purpose of revaluing on repayment Index-Linked National Savings Certificates (Retirement Issue and 2nd Index-Linked Issue) and contributions under Save As You Earn savings contracts (Third Issue) in accordance with the relevant prospectuses, the Index figure issued by the Department of Employment in the month of April 1982 and applicable to the month of May 1982 is 313.4.

POST OFFICE

POST OFFICE SCHEME P4/1982

(NOTE: The Scheme which follows this note amends the Post Office (Postal Order) Scheme 1971. The amending Scheme which comes into operation on 10th May 1982 provides for an increase in the fee payable for postal orders in denominations from £2 to £10. It revokes the Post Office (Postal Order) Amendment (No. 12) Scheme 1981 (Post Office Scheme P7/1981) which was made on 22nd May 1981).

(This note is not part of the Scheme)

THE POST OFFICE (POSTAL ORDER) AMENDMENT (NO. 13) SCHEME 1982

Made 13th April 1982

Coming into operation 10th May 1982

The Post Office, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 28 of the Post Office Act 1969 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Commencement and citation

1. This Scheme:

- a. shall come into operation on 10th May 1982;
- b. may be cited as the Post Office (Postal Order) Amendment (No. 13) Scheme 1982;
- c. shall be read as one with the Post Office (Postal Order) Scheme 1971 (Post Office Scheme P5/1971) (hereinafter called "the Scheme"), the Post Office (Postal Order) Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1973