Self-Indicating Weighing Machines.

ADDITIONAL REGULATION, DATED 1ST JUNE, 1928, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT, 1904 (4 EDW. VII, c. 28), PRESCRIBING THE ALLOWANCE FOR ERROR ON SELF-INDICATING AND SEMI-SELF-INDICATING WEIGHING MACHINES.

1928. No. 44.

The Ministry of Commerce, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 5 of the Weights and Measures Act, 1904 (4 Edw. VII, c. 28), and of all other powers in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulation :—

The error permissible on the verification of any weighing instrument of the self-indicating or semi-self-indicating type shall not exceed the weight corresponding to one-half of the smallest interval between consecutive graduations on the weight-indicating scale provided that the permissible error shall not in any case exceed the error specified in the Weights and Measures Regulations, 1907, for the particular capacity and class of instrument concerned.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce, this 1st day of June, 1928.

(Signed) *W. D. Scott,*
(L.S.) Secretary to the Ministry of Commerce.

WIDOWS, ORPHANS AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS.

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Calculation of Contributions.

REGULATIONS, DATED 12th MARCH, 1928, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTIONS 5, 8 AND 30 (1) (*e*) OF THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925.

1928. No. 35.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Sections 5 and 8, and sub-

section (1) (*e*) of Section 30 of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925, and of all other powers enabling them, and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, so far as regards Regulations which are required to be so made, hereby make the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Contributory Pensions (Calculation of Contributions) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1928, and shall be read as one with the Contributory Pensions (Calculation of Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1927 (*a*) (hereinafter referred to as " the principal Regulations ").

2. The following paragraph shall be inserted at the end of paragraph (1) of Article 2 of the principal Regulations :—

" ' Contribution half-year means any period in respect of which contribution cards may be issued under any Regulations relating to the collection of contributions made under the Insurance Act, and for the time being in force."

3. The following Article shall be substituted for Article 5 of the principal Regulations :—

" 5. In calculating for the purpose of paragraph (*b*) of Section 5 and paragraph (*c*) of Section 8 of the Pensions Act, and proviso (iii) to the last named Section, the average number of contributions paid by or in respect of an insured person within the meaning of that Act, a contribution shall be deemed to have been paid—

(i) in respect of every week or part of a week in respect of which a contribution is treated for the purpose of calculating arrears as having been paid under Sub-section (3) of Section 15, of sub-section (3) of Section 60 of the Insurance Act and Article 3 of the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Regulations, 1924 (S.R. and O., 1924, No. 1545) ;

(ii) in respect of every week (not comprised in the period mentioned in the preceding paragraph) as regards which the Ministry is satisfied that the insured person was incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or some bodily or mental disablement ;

(iii) in the case of a person who entered into insurance after the commencement of the first of the contribution years in respect of which the calculation is made, in respect of every two weeks which have elapsed between the commencement of that contribution year and the date of his entry into insurance.

(*a*) S, R, & O, of N. I., 1927, No. 109.

4. The following Article shall be added immediately after Article 5 of the principal Regulations :—

" 5a. If throughout any week in a contribution year an insured person within the meaning of the Pensions Act is or was before the commencement of the Pensions Act, available for, but unable to obtain, employment, a contribution shall be deemed, for the purposes of the calculations under Sections 5 and 8 of the Pensions Act referred to in the preceding Article, to have been paid by or in respect of him for that week :

Provided that this provision shall not apply to—

(*a*) a person who at the commencement of the period to which the calculation relates was a voluntary contributor, so long as he continued to be a voluntary contributor ;

(*b*) a person who became a voluntary contributor after the commencement of the first of the contribution years to which the calculation relates and became engaged after he last ceased employment in an occupation which is not employment, for so long as he continued to be a voluntary contributor, except

(i) as regards any contribution years in the period to which the calculation relates prior to the date on which he gave the prescribed notice of his desire to become a voluntary contributor or prior to the date on which he became engaged in an occupation which is not employment, whichever is the later, and,

(ii) where the date as aforesaid occurs in the course of a contribution year, as regards such part of the year as had then expired ;

but as regards these two exceptions, the provisions of this Article shall apply only in so far as the number of weeks throughout which he was available for, but unable to obtain, employment exceeds the number of contributions which he has paid as a voluntary contributor in respect of the period to which the exception refers;

(*c*) a person who elects to substitute twenty-six for thirty-nine contributions under proviso (iii) to Section 8 of the Pensions Act ;

(*d*) a person who has paid contributions under Sub-section (4) of Section 38 of the Pensions Act in respect of any contribution year within the period to which the calculation relates,

except in so far as the number of weeks throughout which he was available for, but unable to obtain, employment in any such contribution year exceeds the number of contributions which such person has paid as aforesaid in respect of that year."

5. The following Article shall be inserted after Article 6 of the principal Regulations :—

"6A. For the purposes of sub-section 1 (*e*) of Section 30 of the Pensions Act contributions in respect of an employed person which were not paid on the due dates, but have subsequently been paid or recovered, shall be deemed to have been paid on the due dates if they had accrued due in respect of weeks in the contribution half-year in which the employed person died or in the two contribution half-years preceding that half-year :

Provided that in the case of an employed person by or in respect of whom at least 100 contributions had been paid between the date of his last entry into insurance and the commencement of the period for which contributions had not been paid, the foregoing provisions shall apply with the substitution of a reference to four contribution half-years for the reference to two contribution half-years."

6. Article 6 of the Contributory Pensions (Calculation of Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1925 (S.R. & O. of N.I., 1925, No. 158), is hereby revoked but without prejudice to any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred thereunder.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 12th day of March, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight,

(L.S.) *H. W. Vaughan Williams,*
Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 12th day of March, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

(L.S.) *G. C. Duggan,*
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Finance.

Collection of Contributions.

WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS *included with* NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE *in S.R.O.* 1928. *No.* 36 : *see p.* 163.