Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 1st day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-two.

(L.S.) *H. Ashton,*
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE.

Schemes for the temporary employment of persons in agriculture (including horticulture and forestry) to which these regulations apply.

(1) Scheme approved by the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland for the employment of Land Service Volunteers.

(2) Scheme approved by the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland for the employment of students and schoolboys.

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Emergency Provisions.

REGULATIONS, DATED 18TH JULY, 1942, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 8 (1) OF PART I OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE, CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1941, AS APPLIED TO NORTHERN IRELAND BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE AND CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1941.

1942. No. 141.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-section (1) of Section 8 of Part I of the National Health Insurance,

Contributory Pensions and Workmen's Compensation Act, 1941, as applied to Northern Ireland by the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1941, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Contributory Pensions (Emergency Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1942, and shall have effect as from the 3rd September, 1939.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

" the Pensions Act " means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1936, as amended by any subsequent enactment ;

" the Act of 1937 " means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Act (Northern Ireland), 1937 ;

" period of the present emergency " has the meaning assigned to that expression in Section 17 of the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939 ;

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1936.

2.—(1) The provisions of paragraph (*a*) of Sub-section (1) of Section 20 of the Pensions Act shall not, unless the Ministry in any particular case otherwise determines, apply to a person in respect of any of the following periods applicable in his case during which he is absent from His Majesty's dominions :—

(*a*) any period commencing on or after the 3rd September, 1939, in which he is unable to return to His Majesty's dominions by reason of the present war ; or

(*b*) any period of employment commencing on or after that date in an occupation undertaken in connection with the prosecution of the present war :

Provided that any period specified in sub-paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) of this paragraph shall be extended by the period immediately following thereafter and terminating with the date of arrival of the person concerned in His Majesty's dominions, subject to the qualification that, if the latter period exceeds one month, that period shall be substituted by a period of one month or such longer period as the Ministry may in any particular case determine.

(2) In calculating the period of three months specified in paragraph (*b*) of Sub-section (1) of Section 20 of the Pensions Act, the Ministry may exclude any period in respect of which it is satisfied that the person entitled to the pension had, by reason of conditions arising out of the present war, a reasonable excuse for not obtaining payment of the pension.

3.—(1) In calculating the period of three months specified in Sub-section (1) of Section 29 of the Pensions Act, the Ministry may exclude any period in respect of which it is satisfied that the person claiming a pension had, by reason of conditions arising out of the present war, a reasonable excuse for not making a claim.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sub-section (2) of Section 29 of the Pensions Act, the Ministry may, if it considers it expedient so to do owing to conditions arising by reason of the present war, pay, at such intervals and in such manner as it thinks fit, to an agent in Northern Ireland who has been appointed agent in writing by a person to whom paragraph (*a*) of Sub-section (1) of Section 20 of the Pensions Act, as amended by paragraph (1) of regulation 2, is applicable, or by any other person in any part of His Majesty's dominions outside Northern Ireland, any sum or sums which may be, or which may become, payable by way of pension to any such person ; and, upon making any payments in accordance with this paragraph, the Ministry shall be discharged from all liability in respect of any sum or sums so paid.

4.—(1) The following paragraph shall be added after paragraph (*f*) of Sub-section (1) of Section 32 of the Pensions Act :—

" (*ff*) for enabling such persons as may be prescribed to be appointed, subject to the prescribed conditions, to make claims on behalf of persons who, in the opinion of the Ministry, are unable to make claims themselves by reason of—

(i) being unable to return to His Majesty's dominions owing to the present war, or

(ii) being employed outside His Majesty's dominions in an occupation undertaken in connection with the prosecution of the present war, or

(iii) any other conditions arising owing to the present war."

(2) For the purpose of giving effect to paragraph (1) of this regulation, the Contributory Pensions (Claims and Payment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1938, shall be amended by inserting the following regulation after regulation 14 of those regulations :—

" 14A. Where any person alleged to be entitled to a pension is, in the opinion of the Ministry, unable to make a claim for such pension, by reason of—

(*a*) being unable to return to His Majesty's dominions owing to the present war, or

(*b*) being employed outside His Majesty's dominions in an occupation undertaken in connection with the prosecution of the present war, or

(*c*) any other condition arising owing to the present war, the Ministry may, upon written application being made to it and subject to the proviso to paragraph (1) of regulation 14, appoint a person to make a claim on his behalf, and anything required by these regulations to be done by or to such person may be done by or to the person appointed under this regulation to act on his behalf."

Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Act (Northern Ireland), 1937.

5.—Where the number of contributions paid or deemed to have been paid by a voluntary contributor (not being a voluntary contributor to whom paragraph (*b*) of Sub-section (2) of Section 17 of the Act of 1937 applies) in respect of any contribution year terminating after the 3rd September, 1939, is less than 50, it shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Sub-section (1) of Section 5 and Sub-section (5) of Section 12 of the Act of 1937, and of any regulations made under Sub-section (2) of Section 10 of that Act, be open to him to pay any contributions applicable but not paid in respect of any such year within such further period after the end of the contribution half-year next succeeding any such year as the Ministry may allow, provided he satisfies the Ministry that his failure to pay the contributions for that year before the end of the said contribution half-year was due to financial difficulties arising out of the present war, or that, owing to other conditions arising by reason of the present war, he had a reasonable excuse for not paying the contributions at the appropriate time ; and any contributions paid under this regulation shall be treated as having been paid during the contribution year to which they relate.

6.—The making of the estimate, which under paragraph (*b*) of Sub-section (3) of Section 6 of the Act of 1937 is required to be made by an Actuary appointed by the Minister of Finance in the year nineteen hundred and forty-one, shall be postponed, and, in order to meet the circumstances arising out of such postponement, the said Sub-section shall be subject to the following provisions :—

(1) the operation of paragraph (*b*) of the said Sub-section shall be suspended ; and

(2) paragraph (*a*) of that Sub-section shall, in addition to the years specified therein, also apply to each subsequent year which commences not later than three months after the termination of the period of the present emergency.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 18th day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-two.

(L.S.) *H. N. Howorth,*
Secretary, National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour this 18th day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-two.

(L.S.) *W. Allen,*
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

The Ministry of Finance approves of these Regulations in witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry has been affixed this 18th day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-two.

(L.S.) *W. B. Spender,*
Secretary to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS.

Mercantile Marine.

SPECIAL ORDER, DATED 25TH JUNE, 1942*, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, ACTING JOINTLY AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER SECTION 19 OF THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1936.

1942. No. 132.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 19 of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1936, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, and after consultation with the Minister of War Transport, hereby make the following Special Order :—

* This Order having been laid before both the Houses of the Parliament of Northern Ireland for the statutory period came into force on the nineteenth day of August, 1942.