for bringing that Act into operation on such day or days as the Governor of Northern Ireland may by Order in Council appoint :

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES ALBERT EDWARD, DUKE OF ABERCORN, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Governor of Northern Ireland, by and with the advice of the Privy Council of Northern Ireland, in pursuance of the provisions of the said section twenty-three and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, do hereby order as follows :—

1.—The Disabled Persons (Employment) Act (Northern Ireland), 1945, shall come into operation on the twenty-third day of July, 1945.

2.—This Order may be cited as the Disabled Persons (Employment) (Appointed Day) Order (Northern Ireland), 1945.

Given at Government House, Hillsborough, this thirteenth day of July, 1945.

B. S. Brooke
J. M. Sinclair
Edmond Warnock
William Grant
S. H. Hall-Thompson
Roland Nugent

District Advisory Committees and Panels

REGULATIONS, DATED 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1945, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR UNDER THE DISABLED PERSONS (EMPLOYMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1945, WITH RESPECT TO DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND PANELS.

1945. No. 109

The Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") by virtue of the powers conferred on it by the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act (Northern Ireland), 1945, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations.

Short title, commencement and interpretation.

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Disabled Persons (District Advisory Committees and Panels) (Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1945, and shall come into force on the date hereof.

(2) 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.

(3) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

" the Act " means the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act (Northern Ireland), 1945 ;

" Committee " means a District Advisory Committee established by the Ministry in accordance with section 17 (1) (*b*) and the Second Schedule of the Act ;

" Panel " means a panel established by a Committee in accordance with paragraph 2 of the Second Schedule of the Act ;

" reference " means a reference by the Ministry to a District Advisory Committee in accordance with sections 7 (2), 8 (3), 9 (7), 10 (5) or 11 (3) of the Act ;

" recommendation " means a recommendation made by a Committee or Panel to the Ministry in accordance with the provisions of sections 7 (2), 8 (3), 10 (5) or 11 (3) of the Act ;

" report " means a report made by a Committee to the Ministry in accordance with section 9 (7) (*c*) of the Act.

Disqualification of members of Committee.

2. No person shall act as a member of a Committee during the consideration of a reference in which he appears as the representative of a person concerned in the reference or in which he is or may be directly affected by the matters dealt with in the reference or otherwise or if he is or was the employer or employee of any such person.

Quorum.

3.—(1) The quorum of a Committee shall be one third of the members of that Committee in addition to the Chairman or, in his absence, of that member of the Committee authorised by the Ministry in that behalf.

(2) The quorum of a Panel shall be three members thereof, of which one must be the Chairman of the Panel, save only that with the consent in writing of the person or persons concerned but not otherwise the reference may be proceeded with in the presence of the Chairman of the Panel and in any such case the Panel shall be deemed to be properly constituted.

Notice of meeting of a Committee.

4. Not less than seven days' notice in writing of the meeting of a Committee shall be sent to the person or persons concerned in the reference at their last known address and where such notice has been given, the Committee may proceed to consider the reference and make their recommendation or report thereon as the case may be, notwithstanding that the person or persons concerned in the reference is or are not present.

5. Any person concerned in a reference may conduct his own case or may be represented at the sitting of the Committee : Representation upon hearing of a reference.

(*a*) by a representative of any organisation of employers or employed persons of which he was a member when the reference was made to the Committee ;

(*b*) by a representative of any other organisation or society which satisfies the Committee that it makes provision for the general interests of disabled persons ;

(*c*) by a relative or friend ; or

(*d*) in the case of an employer, by a director, partner, manager or any member of his staff.

6.—(1) The hearing of references before a Committee shall be in private unless the Chairman in any particular case, for reasons of public interest, directs with the consent of the person or persons concerned in the reference that members of the public and representatives of any newspaper shall be admitted during the hearing of the reference or any part thereof. For the purpose of discussing the terms of any recommendation or report, the Committee may order all persons not being members thereof to withdraw. Hearing of references.

(2) The decision of a Committee by way of reference or report shall be decided on a show of hands by a majority of the members present in person and voting. Each member shall have one vote and, in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a further or casting vote.

7. A Committee shall keep a record of its proceedings and such record shall, in respect of each reference, include a statement of the facts found by them and of the recommendation or report made thereon. In the case of a recommendation or report not being unanimous, a statement of the reasons given by the dissentient member or members shall be recorded. Records.

8. In so far as they can be made applicable thereto these Regulations shall apply to the procedure of a Panel as they apply to a Committee and subject to the provisions of the Act and save as otherwise herein expressly provided, the procedure of a Committee or Panel may be such as it may determine. Application of these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this thirteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and forty-five, in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. W. M'Connell,
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.