3. The Authority shall not pay travelling expenses in respect of any visit to a hospital where the total distance travelled on the journey to and from the hospital does not exceed thirty miles :

provided that where circumstances demand regular attendance at a hospital for the purpose of receiving Hospital and Specialist services travelling expenses will be payable for journeys of a lesser distance than that specified in this Regulation where the mileage involved exceeds in the aggregate thirty miles in any period of seven days.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 3 of these Regulations the Authority may pay the travelling expenses necessarily incurred or to be incurred by a person (including the travelling expenses of a companion) for journeys of a lesser distance than that prescribed in the said Regulation, in attending a hospital for the purpose of receiving hospital and specialist services —

(*a*) in any case where they consider that the payment of such expenses by the person, or if accompanied, by his companion, would involve hardship ;

(*b*) where the Ministry direct that the payment of travelling expenses for any class of persons is in the interest of public health.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this thirtieth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight in the presence of :—

(L.S.) *Thos. Elwood,*
Assistant Secretary.

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1948. No. 177

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Housing and Local

Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, as amended by the Housing (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, hereby makes the following regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Housing (Houses Built for Letting) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, and shall be construed as one with the Housing (Houses Built for Letting) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1946, (in these Regulations referred to as " the Principal Regulations ") (**a**), and the Housing (Houses Built for Letting) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1946 (**b**).

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

2. Paragraph (3) of Schedule III to the Principal Regulations shall have effect as if there were added at the end thereof the following words :—

" Where a third living room is provided, its superficial area shall be at least 100 square feet in addition to the 335 square feet prescribed in this paragraph."

3. For paragraph (10) of Schedule III to the Principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following paragraph :—

" (10) *Cupboard Accommodation.*

In addition to the larder and hot-press, cupboard accommodation with adequate shelving shall be provided in each house to afford, as a minimum :—

(*a*) 14 cubic feet other than in respect of bedrooms ; and

(*b*) 30 cubic feet in respect of bedrooms."

4. For paragraph (12) of Schedule III to the Principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following paragraph :—

" (12) *Water Supply and Sanitary Accommodation* :

(*a*) *Water Supply and Drainage System.*

An adequate supply of wholesome drinking water must be readily available.

A suitable drainage system for the disposal of waste water, rain water and of soil from any water closet must also be provided.

(*b*) *Where a local supply of piped water is available.*

Where there is a local piped water supply there shall be provided in each house a bathroom (including a bath and washhand basin), hot press and water closet accommodation. The size of these compartments should be

(**a**) S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1946, No. 156. (**b**) S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1946, No. 178.

sufficient to provide reasonable space for access to, and use of, the fittings provided.

(*c*) *Where there is no local supply of piped water available.*

Where there is no local supply of piped water, and the local authority is satisfied that it would not be reasonably practicable to provide any such supply, a storage tank, with a minimum capacity of 100 gallons, located suitably for the purpose of providing a supply of water to the scullery sink, bath, washhand basin and water closet, shall be provided in respect of each house. This storage tank shall be capable of being replenished by rain water from the roof and, if practicable, from a pumped water supply.

Provided that where the local authority is satisfied that the water supply is inadequate or that there is no adequate means for disposal of waste water, and/or sewage, it may agree to the omission of the provision of a bathroom and/or water closet : where no water closet is provided, however, there must be provided a separate earth closet or other approved arrangement for each house.

A bathroom or water closet shall not communicate directly with any living room, bedroom, kitchen or scullery, nor shall any bathroom or water closet be so placed that the only means of access thereto from any bedroom is through a living room."

5. For the first sub-paragraph of paragraph (13) of Schedule III to the Principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph :—

" (13) *Ceiling Heights* :

The minimum ceiling height of any ground-floor room designed for use as a living room, scullery or bedroom, shall be 8 ft. In the case of a room designed for use as a bedroom, which is situated on an upper floor, the minimum ceiling height shall be 7ft. 6ins."

6. For paragraph (15) of Schedule III to the Principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following paragraph :

" (15) *Room Heating.*

Where solid fuel is proposed, as the principal source of heating, a fireplace shall be provided in the living room (in the case of a house with two living rooms, in the principal living room). In addition there shall be provided, in respect of the undermentioned apartments, either (*a*) a fireplace, or (*b*) some other fixed means of providing adequate heating :

(1) The second living room (in the case of a house with two living rooms) ;

(2) The first, or second, bedroom.

Provided that, in the case of the first, or second, bedroom, it shall be permissible to substitute for a fireplace, or other fixed means of heating, an electric or gas service connection, to which a heating appliance can be conveniently connected.

Where the principal means of heating proposed is otherwise than by the use of solid fuel, the provision of fireplaces as above may not be required, but, in any such case, specific approval shall be sought to the system proposed."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this second day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, in the presence of :—

(L.S.) *Ronald Green,*
Assistant Secretary.

Housing on Farms

Farm Houses and Approved Workers' Houses

REGULATIONS, DATED 12TH MAY, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE HOUSING ON FARMS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948.

1948. No. 128

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland (in these Regulations referred to as " the Ministry ") in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section fourteen of the Housing on Farms Act (Northern Ireland), 1948 (in these Regulations referred to as " the Act "), hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Housing on Farms Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

2. The standards of siting, accommodation and construction applicable to the provision of new farm houses and approved workers' houses shall be as specified in the First, Second, Third and Fourth Schedules to these Regulations respectively.

3. The standards of accommodation and construction applicable to the reconditioning of premises for occupation as farm houses and approved workers' houses shall be as specified in the Fifth Schedule to these Regulations.