Citation and interpretation.

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Waiting Days for Unemployment Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1947.

(2) In these regulations the expression " the Act of 1936 " means the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1936, as amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulation.

Waiting days for unemployment.

(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.

2. For subsection (6) of section 32 of the Act of 1936 (which provides for the date as from which benefit under that Act is payable) there shall be substituted the following subsection :—

" (6) Benefit shall be payable in respect of each week of a continuous period of unemployment :

Provided that benefit shall not be payable in respect of any of the first three days of any such period, unless it is a day not earlier than the tenth day of February, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and unless, within the period of thirteen weeks beginning with the first of those three days or the tenth day of February, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, whichever is the later, an insured contributor has been unemployed for a further nine days in the same continuous period of unemployment."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this nineteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, in the presence of

(L.S.) *R. R. Bowman*,
Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this nineteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, in the presence of

(L.S.) *John I. Cook*,
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

Voluntary Contributors

REGULATIONS, DATED 7TH JULY, 1947, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, acting in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 66 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Voluntary Contributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1947.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them :—

" the Insurance Act " means the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, as amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulations ;

" the Insurance Acts " means the National Health Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1946, as amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulations ;

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

" the Pensions Acts " means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1946, as amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulations ;

" the Pensions Act of 1937 " means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Act (Northern Ireland), 1937, as amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulations ;

" contribution at the combined rate " means a contribution comprising—

(*a*) a contribution under the Insurance Act at the employed rate ; and

(*b*) a contribution under the Pensions Act at the ordinary rate ;

and the expressions " the employed rate ", " the ordinary rate " and other expressions shall have the same meanings as in the Insurance Acts, or, as the case may require, the Pensions Acts.

(3) Subject to the provisions of subsection (5) of section 66 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, 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.

2. As from the 7th July, 1947, a person shall not be entitled to become a voluntary contributor under the Insurance Act, and the provisions of subsection (1) of section 3 of that Act (which relates to voluntary contributors) shall be construed accordingly :

Provided that nothing in this regulation shall prejudice an application to become a voluntary contributor by a person whose insurance ended on or before the 30th June, 1947, or affect the rights of any person who under paragraph (*b*) of subsection (2) of section 17 of the Pensions Act of 1937 (which section contains transitory provisions) elected that the Pensions Act and the Insurance Act should continue to have effect in relation to him as if the said Act of 1937 had not been passed.

3.—(1) Where in any week commencing on or after the 7th July, 1947, an employed contributor is in a free insurance period or an extended insurance period under the Insurance Act, or where in any such week the employer of an employed contributor is not liable to pay a contribution in respect of him, that employed contributor shall be entitled to pay under the Insurance Act a contribution at the combined rate for that week.

(2) The foregoing paragraph is in addition to, and not in substitution for, the provisions of subsection (1) of section 19 of the Insurance Act (which enables certain employed contributors to pay contributions in respect of periods of incapacity or unemployment).

(3) The provisions of subsection (2) of section 17 of the Insurance Act as amended (which relates to the age at which contributions in respect of an employed contributor cease to be payable) shall apply to contributions payable by virtue of this regulation.

4. Subsection (1) of section 20 of the Insurance Act (which section relates to the payment of contributions by voluntary contributors) shall not apply in respect of any contribution year ending on or after the 6th July, 1947.

5.—(1) The provisions of the Insurance Acts, the Pensions Acts and the regulations and orders made thereunder shall have full force and effect subject to the modifications which are contained in the foregoing provisions of these regulations or referred to in paragraph (2) of this regulation.

(2) The regulations mentioned in the first column of the Schedule shall have effect subject to the modifications mentioned in the second column thereof.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 7th day of July, 1947, in the presence of

(L.S.) *William Allen*,
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 7th day of July, 1947, in the presence of

(L.S.) *John I. Cook,*
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE

Provisions of regulations modified

Provisions modified.	*Modification.*
National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1938	
Regulation 11.	The prohibition relating to the affixing of stamps to cards contained in paragraph (3) of regulation 11 shall not apply to the affixing of a stamp to a card in payment of contributions by virtue of these regulations.
Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1938	
Regulation 10 as amended.	Sub-paragraph (*b*) (ii) of paragraph (1) of regulation 10 (which relates to the transitional period of voluntary contributors) shall apply to any week in respect of which a contribution has been paid by virtue of these regulations.

PENSION

Increase of Pension

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD MAY, 1947, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 3 (5) OF THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1944.

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The Ministry of Finance, in pursuance of its powers under subsection (5) of section three of the Pensions (Increase) Act, (Northern Ireland), 1944 (which Act, as amended by the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, is hereinafter referred to as " the Act ") and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Increase of Pensions (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1947. Citation.

2.—(1) In these Regulations :— Interpretation.

(*a*) the expression " dependant " has the meaning assigned to it in Section 1 (5) of the Act ;