EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations regulate the procedure of the industrial tribunals on references of questions on or after 15th May 1967 with regard to—

(*a*) the written particulars of terms of employment required to be given by an employer to an employee under Part I of the Contracts of Employment and Redundancy Payments Act (Northern Ireland) 1965; and

(*b*) any compensation question which under statutory Provisos passed or made on or after 19th October 1965 is directed to be determined by those tribunals.

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INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNALS

Redundancy Payments

REGULATIONS, DATED 12TH MAY 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER SECTION 52 OF THE CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT AND REDUNDANCY PAYMENTS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services in exercise of powers conferred by section 52 of the Contracts of Employment and Redundancy Payments Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and revocation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Industrial Tribunals (Redundancy Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 and shall come into operation on 15th May 1967.

(2) The Industrial Tribunals (Redundancy Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(**b**) shall cease to have effect.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

"the Act" means the Contracts of Employment and Redundancy Payments Act (Northern Ireland) 1965;

"applicant" means a person (including the Ministry) who in pursuance of Rule 1 has sent an originating application to the Secretary of the Tribunals for a decision of a tribunal;

"the clerk to the tribunal" means the person appointed by the Secretary of the Tribunals to act in that capacity at one or more hearings;

"hearing" means a sitting of a tribunal duly constituted for the purpose of receiving evidence, hearing addresses and witnesses or doing anything

(a) 1965, c. 19 (N.I.). (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 255.

lawfully requisite to enable the tribunal to reach a decision on any reference;

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Health and Social Services;

"the Office of the Tribunals" means the Central Office of the Industrial Tribunals;

"the President" means the President of the Industrial Tribunals or the person nominated by the Ministry to discharge for the time being the functions of the President;

"rebate" means a payment referred to as such in section 40 of the Act;

"the Register" means the Register of Applications and Decisions kept in pursuance of these Regulations;

"respondent" means a party to the proceedings before a tribunal other than the applicant;

"Rule" means a Rule of Procedure contained in the Schedule;

"the Secretary of the Tribunals" means the Secretary of the Central Office of the Industrial Tribunals for the time being;

"tribunal" means an industrial tribunal established in pursuance of the Industrial Tribunals Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(a) and in relation to any proceedings means the tribunal to which the proceedings have been referred.

(2) A form referred to by number means the form so numbered in the Appendix to the Schedule.

Procedure of tribunals

3.—(1) The Rules of Procedure contained in the Schedule shall have effect in relation to proceedings to which this Regulation applies.

(2) This Regulation applies to proceedings in pursuance of references or appeals under Part II or Part III or section 47 or section 49 of the Act—

(*a*) as to the right of any person to a redundancy payment, to a payment under an agreement, or to a payment to which section 49 of the Act applies, or as to the amount of any such payment;

(*b*) as to the liability of any person to make an employer's payment, that is to say, a payment falling within paragraph (*a*), paragraph (*b*) or paragraph (*c*) of section 40(1) of the Act;

(*c*) as to the amount of the rebate payable in accordance with Schedule 6 to the Act;

(*d*) as to the amount of the sum payable in accordance with Schedule 7 to the Act; or

(*e*) against the Ministry's withholding, or reducing the amount of, a rebate.

Proof of decisions of tribunals

4. The production in any proceedings in any court of a document purporting to be certified by the Secretary of the Tribunals to be a true copy of an entry of a decision in the Register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient evidence of the document and of the facts stated therein.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 12th day of May 1967.

(L.S.) *W. Slinger,*
Assistant Secretary.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 112.

SCHEDULE

Rules of Procedure

Originating application

1.—(1) Proceedings for the determination by a tribunal of any question or appeal shall be instituted by the applicant sending to the Secretary of the Tribunals an originating application in accordance with such one of Forms 1 to 3 as is appropriate to the case and shall set out the grounds of the application.

(2) Where the Secretary of the Tribunals is of the opinion that the originating application does not seek or on the facts stated therein cannot entitle the applicant to a remedy which a tribunal has power to give, he may give notice to that effect to the applicant stating the reasons for his opinion and inviting the applicant to state in writing whether he agrees to withdraw his application or wishes to proceed with it.

(3) An application as respects which a notice has been given in pursuance of the preceding paragraph shall not be treated as having been received for the purposes of Rule 2 unless the applicant intimates in writing to the Secretary of the Tribunals that he wishes to proceed with it; and upon receipt of such an intimation the Secretary of the Tribunals shall proceed in accordance with that Rule.

(4) The withdrawal of an application under this Rule shall be without prejudice to any right of the applicant to make a further application to a tribunal.

Registering of originating application

2. Upon receiving an originating application the Secretary of the Tribunals shall enter particulars of it in the Register and shall forthwith send a copy of it to the respondent (and to the Ministry if it is not a party) and inform the applicant and the respondent (and the Ministry if it is not a party) in writing of the case number of the originating application entered in the Register (which shall thereafter constitute the title of the proceedings) and of the address to which notices and other communications to the Secretary of the Tribunals shall be sent. The copy of the originating application sent by the Secretary of the Tribunals to a respondent shall be accompanied by a notice in accordance with Form 4.

Appearance by respondent

3.—(1) A respondent shall within 14 days of receiving the copy originating application enter an appearance to the proceedings by sending to the Secretary of the Tribunals a notice of appearance which shall be in accordance with Form 5 stating whether he intends to resist the application and, if so, on what grounds. Upon receipt of a notice of appearance the Secretary of the Tribunals shall forthwith send a copy of it to the other party (and to the Ministry if it is not a party).

(2) A respondent who has not entered an appearance shall not be entitled to take any part in the proceedings except—

(i) to apply under Rule 12(1) for an extension of the time appointed by this Rule for entering an appearance; and

(ii) to be sent a copy of a decision or specification of reasons or corrected decision or specification in pursuance of Rule 9(3) or 9(6),

and accordingly (without prejudice to the generality of this provision) he shall not be entitled—

(*a*) to make an application under Rule 4;

(*b*) to notice of the date, time and place of the hearing in pursuance of Rule 5;

(*c*) to submit representations in writing for consideration by the tribunal in pursuance of Rule 6(2);

(*d*) to be heard or represented at the hearing in pursuance of Rule 7 or 8;

(*e*) to enter into a written agreement in pursuance of Rule 11(1)(*d*); or

(*f*) to apply for directions in pursuance of Rule 12(2) or to receive a notice in pursuance of Rule 12(4).

(3) A notice of appearance which is sent to the Secretary of the Tribunals after the time appointed by this Rule for entering an appearance shall be deemed to include an application under Rule 12(1) (by the respondent who has sent the notice of appearance) for an extension of the time so appointed. Without prejudice to Rule 12(4), if the tribunal grants the application (which it may do notwithstanding that the grounds of the application are not stated) the Secretary of the Tribunals shall forthwith send a copy of the notice of appearance to the other party (and to the Ministry if it is not a party). The tribunal shall not refuse an extension of time under this Rule unless it has given the person wishing to enter an appearance an opportunity to show cause why the extension should be granted.

Power to require further particulars and attendance of witnesses and to grant discovery

4.—(1) Subject to Rule 3(2), the tribunal may on the application of a party to the proceedings (or of the Ministry if it is not a party) made either by notice to the Secretary of the Tribunals or at the hearing of the originating application—

(*a*) require a party to furnish in writing to another party (and to the Ministry if it is not a party) further particulars of the grounds on which he relies and of any facts and contentions relevant thereto;

(*b*) grant to a party (or to the Ministry if it is not a party) such discovery or inspection of documents as might be granted by a county court; and

(*c*) require the attendance of any person (including a party to the proceedings) as a witness or require the production of any document relating to the question or appeal to be determined;

and may appoint the time at or within which or the place at which any act required in pursuance of this Rule is to be done.

(2) A party on whom a requirement has been made under paragraph (1)(*b*) on an *ex parte* application and a person on whom a requirement has been made under paragraph (1)(*c*) may apply to the tribunal to vary or set aside the requirement.

(3) No such application to vary or set aside shall be entertained (in a case where a time has been appointed under paragraph (1) in relation to the requirement) unless it is made before the time or, as the case may be, expiration of the time so appointed. Notice of the application in accordance with Rule 11(2) shall be given to the party on whose application the requirement was made and (if it was not that party) to the Ministry.

(4) Every document containing a requirement under paragraph (1)(*b*) or (1)(*c*) shall contain a reference to the fact that under section 52(4) of the Act any person who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with any such requirement is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £50 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or both.

Time and place of hearing

5. The Ministry shall fix the date, time and place of the hearing of the originating application and the Secretary of the Tribunals shall not less than 14 days before the date so fixed (subject to Rule 3(2)) send to each party (and to the Ministry if it is not a party) a notice in accordance with Form 6.

The hearing

6.—(1) Any hearing of or in connection with an originating application shall take place in public, unless the tribunal determines at the request of a party to hear the application in private.

(2) Subject to Rule 3(2), if a party shall desire to submit representations in writing for consideration by the tribunal at the hearing of the originating application that party shall send such representations to the Secretary of the Tribunals not less than 7 days before the hearing and shall at the same time send a copy thereof to the other party (and to the Ministry if it is not a party).

Representation

7.—(1) Subject to Rule 3(2), at any hearing of or in connection with an originating application a party may appear and may be heard in person or be represented by counsel or solicitor or by a representative of a trade union or of an employers' association or, with the leave of the tribunal, by any other person.

(2) The Ministry, if it so elects, shall be entitled to appear and be heard at any hearing of or in connection with an originating application notwithstanding that it is not a party and may be represented by any officer of the Ministry or by counsel or solicitor.

Procedure at hearing

8.—(1) Subject to Rule 3(2), at the hearing of the originating application the parties (and the Ministry if it is not a party and it elects to appear) shall be entitled to make opening statements, to call witnesses, to cross-examine any witnesses called by any other party (or by the Ministry if it is not a party) and to address the tribunal.

(2) Subject to Rule 3(2), a party may if he so desires give evidence on his own behalf.

(3) Without prejudice to the right of the Ministry to appear and be heard, if a party shall fail to appear or to be represented at the time and place fixed for the hearing, the tribunal may dispose of the application in the absence of that party or may adjourn the hearing to a later date: Provided that before disposing of an application in the absence of a party the tribunal shall consider any representations submitted by that party in pursuance of Rule 6(2).

(4) The tribunal may require any witnesses to give evidence on oath or affirmation, and for that purpose there may be administered an oath or affirmation in due form.

Decision of tribunal

9.—(1) A decision of the tribunal may be taken by a majority thereof and, if in accordance with regulation 3(1) of the Industrial Tribunals Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965 the tribunal shall be constituted of two members only, the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(2) The decision of the tribunal shall be recorded in a document signed by the chairman which shall contain the reasons for the decision.

(3) The clerk to the tribunal shall transmit the document signed by the chairman to the Secretary of the Tribunals who shall as soon as may be enter it in the Register, and shall send a copy of the entry to each of the parties (and to the Ministry if it is not a party): Provided that the specification of the reasons for the decision shall be omitted from the Register in any case in which the tribunal on the application of either or any of the parties so directs on the ground that disclosure would be contrary to the interests of that party, and in that event a specification of the reasons shall be sent to the parties (and to the Ministry if it is not a party) together with the copy of the entry.

(4) The Register shall be kept at the Office of the Tribunals and shall be open to the inspection of any person without charge at all reasonable hours.

(5) The chairman of the tribunal shall have power by certificate under his hand to correct in documents recording the tribunal's decisions clerical mistakes or errors arising therein from any accidental slip or omission.

(6) The clerk to the tribunal shall send a copy of any document so corrected and the certificate of the chairman to the Secretary of the Tribunals who shall thereupon make such correction as may be necessary in the Register and shall send a copy of the corrected entry or of the corrected specification of the reasons, as the case may be, to the parties (and to the Ministry if it is not a party).