EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of these Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations extend the currency of Ulster Savings Certificates of the Supplementary Issue for a further seven years, i.e., from twenty-two to twenty-nine years, with interest at the rate of ninepence per year for each unit certificate and an additional shilling per unit certificate at the end of the twenty-ninth year.

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NATIONAL INSURANCE

Widow's Benefit (Consequential Provisions)

REGULATIONS, DATED 18TH DECEMBER, 1964, MADE BY THE NATIONAL INSURANCE JOINT AUTHORITY AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1946 TO 1964.

The National Insurance Joint Authority, in exercise of powers conferred by section 30(1) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1946(**a**) and the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 27(4), 40 and 62 of that Act and sections 1 and 9(1)(*b*) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1957(**b**), in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance so far as relates to matters with regard to which the Ministry of Finance has so directed, and in exercise of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Widow's Benefit) (Consequential Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964, and shall come into operation on 21st December, 1964.

Amendment of Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions Regulations

2.—(1) The National Insurance (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(**c**) shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(2) Regulation 9(*c*)(**d**) (conditions of election to re-enter employment) shall cease to have effect.

(3) For paragraph (2) of regulation 12(**e**) (contributions to be disregarded in computing increase of retirement pension) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

"(2) This regulation shall not apply in respect of a contribution week for which a woman obtains payment only of—

(**a**) 1946. c. 23.
(**b**) 1957. c. 7.
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 246.
(**d**) See reg. 2 of S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 160 and reg. 22(1) of S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 36.
(**e**) See reg. 22(2) of S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 36.

(*a*) a widowed mother's allowance (apart from any increase thereof) at a rate not exceeding 30 shillings a week; or

(*b*) a contributory old age pension."

(4) The said paragraph (2) as substituted by paragraph (3) of this regulation shall have effect, in respect of any contribution week before the 29th March, 1965, as if for the words "30 shillings" there were substituted the words "26 shillings".

Amendment of General Benefit Regulations

3. In the National Insurance (General Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(**a**), the Schedule thereto (provisions for the purpose of which disqualifications are to be disregarded) shall be amended by the substitution in column (4) thereof:

(*a*) for the paragraph set opposite to section 17(1), of the following paragraph:

"Widows' pensions for certain widows ceasing to be entitled to widowed mother's allowance when over the age of fifty but under the age of sixty-five.";

(*b*) for the paragraph set opposite to section 17(4), of the following paragraph:

"Widows' pensions for certain widows ceasing to be entitled to pension under section 17(3) at a time when they are over the age of fifty but under the age of sixty-five."

Amendment of Existing Beneficiaries Regulations

4.—(1) The National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Beneficiaries and Other Persons) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(**b**) shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(2) For regulation 5, there shall be substituted the following regulation:

"*Conversion of widow's pension under the Contributory Pensions Acts into widow's basic pension, contributory old age pension or retirement pension in certain cases*

5.—(1) Subject to the provisions of the Act and of these regulations, an existing widow pensioner shall be entitled—

(*a*) if she has not attained pensionable age, to a widow's basic pension; or

(*b*) if she had attained pensionable age, to a contributory old age pension or to a retirement pension as if she were an existing old age pensioner to whom the provisions of paragraph (1) of regulation 6 apply.

(2) A widow's basic pension shall be payable in respect of the period up to the date on which the widow attains pensionable age and shall thereupon be converted into a contributory old age pension at the same rate as the widow's basic pension:

Provided that a widow shall not be entitled to a widow's basic pension by virtue of this regulation for any period during which she is entitled to a widowed mother's allowance or a widow's pension."

(**a**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 208. (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 39.