EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations require the pasteurisation of liquid egg to be used in food intended for sale for human consumption, other than egg broken out on the food manufacturer's premises and used within 24 hours. The regulations prescribe the method of pasteurisation and the test to be satisfied.

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HEALTH SERVICES

General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services

REGULATIONS, DATED 19TH DECEMBER, 1963, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1948.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 6 and 80 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(**a**) hereby makes the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963.

2. The Health Services (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1956(**b**) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In regulation 2 after the definition "reagent" there shall be inserted the following:—

" 'relevant service' has the same meaning as in section 64(1) of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) Act 1951(**c**) as extended to Northern Ireland by the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) (Northern Ireland) Order 1953(**d**) and includes service rendered under the Army Reserve Act 1962(**e**)".

(2) The following paragraph shall be inserted after regulation 11(3):—

"(4) A practitioner who has performed a period of relevant service in an emergency recognised by the Ministry for the purposes of these regulations and has returned to his practice at the end of such service shall within one month of his return notify the Board in writing that he has personally resumed practice. Where the Board have been so notified, they shall within 7 days send a notice to all persons who were on the practitioner's list at the date of the recognition of the emergency, or of the beginning of his service, whichever shall be the later, who are still residing at the same address at which they were residing at such date, and who have transferred to the

(a) 1948. c. 3.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956, No. 150.
(c) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 65.
(d) S.I. 1953, No. 197.
(e) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 10.

list of another practitioner. The Board's notice shall state that the former practitioner has resumed practice, and that the person will be restored to his list unless within 14 days that person gives notice in writing to the Board that he wishes to remain on the list of his present practitioner. After the said period of 14 days has elapsed, the Board shall inform the practitioners concerned of the persons who are transferred to the list of the practitioner who has resumed practice, and shall also inform the other practitioner of the persons who have elected to remain on his list and that for a period of 12 months no capitation payment or loading will be payable to him in respect of such persons."

(3) The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph 14 of Part I of the First Schedule:—

"*Deputies, Assistants and Partners*

14.—(1) Save as provided in this paragraph in the case of partners and assistants, all treatment shall be given by a practitioner personally except where he is prevented by reason of other professional duties, temporary absence from home or other reasonable cause.

(2) A practitioner shall make all practicable arrangements for securing the treatment of his patients where he is unable for any of the causes mentioned above to give treatment personally and shall inform the Board of any standing arrangements for that purpose. He shall not absent himself from his practice for more than one week without first informing the Board of his proposed absence and of the person or persons responsible for conducting his practice during such absence.

(3) (*a*) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (*b*), as from 1st April, 1964, a practitioner shall only provide as a deputy a medical practitioner—

(i) who is a partner of, or who personally has entered into a contract for the purpose with, the first named practitioner; or

(ii) who is included in the medical list or who is a partner or assistant of a practitioner who is so included; or

(iii) who acts as deputy for no financial reward; or

(iv) who is a person employed by a deputising service.

(*b*) A practitioner shall not employ as a deputy a person who is a director or member of, or a person employed (whether under contract of service or otherwise) by a deputising service without the consent of the Board, or on appeal the Ministry. In giving such consent the Board, or on appeal the Ministry, may from time to time impose such conditions as they consider or it considers necessary or expedient, and before giving their consent or imposing conditions the Board shall, so far as practicable, consult the Local Medical Committee.

(*c*) The Board may at any time, and shall periodically, review, in consultation with the Local Medical Committee, any consent given or condition imposed under sub-paragraph (*b*) and any practitioner aggrieved by any withdrawal of consent or variation of conditions shall be entitled to appeal to the Ministry.

(*d*) Any appeal under sub-paragraph (*b*) shall be made within one month, and any appeal under sub-paragraph (*c*) within 7 days, of receipt by the practitioner of notice of the Board's decision.

(*e*) The expression 'deputising service' in this sub-paragraph shall include any person who, or body which, undertakes to provide as part of his or its business a deputy or deputies for practitioners.