(1) the following paragraph shall be substituted for Regulation 1(2):—

"(2) In these Regulations the expression "housing accommodation" means houses or flats provided under the Housing Acts (Northern Ireland) 1890 to 1961 except those acquired for the purposes of a re-development scheme under Part I of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) and Rent Restriction Law (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1956(**a**)" and

(2) the following paragraph shall be substituted for Regulation 5(*a*) (as amended by Regulation 2(2) of the Housing (Accounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1952(**b**)):—

"(*a*) in respect of housing accommodation, a contribution from the Housing Revenue Account at the minimum rate of £10 per house or flat, per annum".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 29th day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty-three.

(L.S.) *Wm. J. Morgan,*
Minister of Health and Local Government.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The minimum rate of contribution which a local authority is required to credit to its Housing Repairs Account is raised to £10 per house per annum. The rates have not been changed since 1952 and ranged from £6 to £9.

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NATIONAL INSURANCE

Contributions and Miscellaneous Provisions

REGULATIONS, DATED 5TH APRIL 1963, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1946 TO 1963.

The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance so far as relates to matters with regard to which the Ministry of Finance has so directed, in exercise of powers conferred by

(a) 1956. c. 10. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1952, No. 44.

sections 55 and 68 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1946(**a**), sections 2, 6, 9 and 12 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(**b**), and section 4 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1963(**c**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

PART I
GENERAL

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Contributions and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963, and shall come into operation on 6th April 1963.

(2) In these regulations—

"the principal Act" means the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1946;

"the Act of 1959" means the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1959;

"the Assessment of Graduated Contributions Regulations" means the National Insurance (Assessment of Graduated Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960(**d**);

"the Assurance Regulations" means the National Insurance (Non-participation—Assurance of Equivalent Pension Benefits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960(**e**);

"the Certificates Regulations" means the National Insurance (Non-participation—Certificates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960(**f**);

"the 1961 Increase Regulations" means the National Insurance (Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1961(**g**);

"the Mariners Regulations" means the National Insurance (Mariners) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(**h**).

PART II
CONTRIBUTIONS

Refund of contributions to persons entering insurance too late to be able to satisfy the contribution conditions for widow's benefit or retirement pension

2. As from 3rd June 1963, Schedule 2 to the National Insurance (New Entrants Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948 (which is set out in the Schedule to the National Insurance (New Entrants Transitional) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1958(**i**) and Schedule J to the 1961 Increase Regulations and shows the amounts payable, by way of refund of contributions, to persons entering insurance too late to be able to satisfy the contribution conditions for widow's benefit or retirement pension) shall be amended by the addition thereto, at the end, of the provisions set out in Schedule A.

(**a**) 1946, c. 23. (**b**) 1959. c. 21. (**c**) 1963. c. 9 (N.I.).
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 114 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 82.
(**e**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 181 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 169.
(**f**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 22 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 241.
(**g**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 3.
(**h**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 236 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1949, No. 50; 1951, No. 174; 1953, No. 72; 1958, No. 10; No. 132; 1959, No. 66; 1961, No. 76 and No. 77.
(**i**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 206.

Increase of equivalent amounts for the calculation of graduated contributions

3. As from 1st June 1963, in regulation 2 of the Assessment of Graduated Contributions Regulations (which prescribes the amounts of remuneration by reference to which graduated contributions are calculated where remuneration is not paid weekly), there shall be substituted—

(*a*) in paragraphs (1) and (2)(*a*) for the word "six" the word "nine"; and

(*b*) in paragraph (2)(*c*) for the word "twenty-six" the word "thirty-nine".

Increase of annual maximum of graduated contributions

4. For regulation 9 of the Assessment of Graduated Contributions Regulations there shall be substituted the following regulation:

"**9.** For the purposes of section 2(3) of the Act (by which where the graduated contributions paid by a person in respect of his remuneration from two or more employments in any income tax year exceed a prescribed amount the excess shall, for certain purposes, be treated as contributions of the wrong class paid in error and as not properly payable) the prescribed amount—

(*a*) in respect of any income tax year ending before 6th April 1963 shall, if the graduated contributions so paid in that year amount to £14 or more, be £13 10s.;

(*b*) in respect of any income tax year ending after 6th April 1963—

(i) in relation to a person who is employed in non-participating employment in each contribution week during that year, if it is a year in which only 52 such weeks commence and if the graduated contributions so paid in that year amount to £20 8s. 8d. or more, shall be £19 18s. 8d.; and

(ii) in any other case shall, if the graduated contributions so paid in that year amount to £20 16s. 4d. or more, be £20 6s. 4d."

Lengthening of graduated contribution scales

5. As from 1st June 1963, for the Schedule to the Assessment of Graduated Contributions Regulations (which contains prescribed scales for the calculation of graduated contributions), there shall be substituted the Schedule contained in Schedule B.

Transitory provision as to excess graduated contributions

6. The amount of any additional graduated contributions which a person is to be treated, under section 6(5) (calculation of excess graduated contributions for persons employed in a participating employment and a non-participating employment) of the Act of 1959, as having paid on any day between 7th April 1963, and 1st June 1963, shall be determined as if in regulation 5 a reference to 6th April were substituted for the reference to 1st June.

PART III

MARINERS

Amendment of Mariners Regulations

7. The amounts by which the weekly rates of employer's contributions payable in respect of a mariner employed as master or a member of the crew of a foreign-going ship are reduced, shall be increased, and accordingly in

regulation 5(1)(**a**) of the Mariners Regulations there shall, as from 3rd June 1963, be substituted—

(*a*) in sub-paragraph (*a*) (persons over the age of 18) for the word " eightpence" the word "tenpence"; and

(*b*) in sub-paragraph (*b*) (persons under the age of 18) for the words "fourpence-halfpenny" the words "fivepence-halfpenny".

8. The maximum annual amount of seamen's graduated contributions, any excess over which is for certain purposes to be treated as contributions of the wrong class paid in error and as not properly payable, shall be increased, and accordingly for sub-paragraph (*a*) of regulation 21(2)(**b**) of the Mariners Regulations (which provides that if the graduated contributions paid by a seaman in any income tax year amount to £14 or more the prescribed amount shall be £13 10s.) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:

"(*a*) the prescribed amount in respect of any income tax year—

(i) which ends before 5th April 1964, shall, if the graduated contributions so paid in that year amount to £14 or more, be £13 10s.;

(ii) which ends on or after 5th April 1964, shall, if the graduated contributions so paid in that year amount to £20 16s. 4d. or more, be £20 6s. 4d.;".

9. As from 1st June 1963, the scales for the calculation of seamen's graduated contributions shall be lengthened, and accordingly for Schedules 1, 2 and 3(**c**) to the Mariners Regulations there shall be substituted the respective Schedules contained in Schedule C.

Transitory Provision

10. Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 9, the graduated contributions payable in respect of any payment of remuneration—

(*a*) in respect of a voyage commencing before 1st June 1963, which ends before 1st September 1963, or in respect of any period of leave on pay immediately following such a voyage; or

(*b*) in respect of such part of a voyage ending on or after 1st September 1963, as occurs before 1st June 1963,

shall not be increased but shall be calculated as if these regulations had not been made.

PART IV

NON-PARTICIPATING EMPLOYMENTS

Notices by employers

11. As from 6th January 1964, a notice under regulation 3(**d**) of the Assurance Regulations (which allows an employer, in certain circumstances, to give a notice whereby an interrupted employment is not treated as continuing in the interruption during such number of contribution weeks as may be specified in the notice) shall, where the employment falls in periods to which different rates of equivalent pension benefits apply, specify separately the number of contribution weeks included in the notice which fall in each such period, and accordingly in that regulation, after paragraph (*b*) of the proviso, there shall be inserted the following:

(**a**) See Pt. II of Schedule 1 to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 76.
(**b**) See reg. 5 of S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 76.
(**c**) See Schedule 2 to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 76.
(**d**) See Schedule 1 to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 169.

"(*bb*) where a person's service does not fall wholly within the period to which any one Part of Schedule 2(a) is appropriate, the notice shall specify separately the number of contribution weeks included in it which fall in each such period; and".

Equivalent pension benefits

12.—(1) The following provisions shall be inserted in Part III of the Assurance Regulations immediately before regulation 7:

"Calculation of equivalent pension benefits

6A.—(1) For the purposes of the provisions of Part II of the Act of 1959 relating to the making of a payment in lieu of contributions at the end of a person's period of service in a non-participating employment, the formula in section 7(1)(*d*) of that Act (which defines equivalent pension benefits for the purpose of that Part) shall be converted to the formula contained in the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, in respect of any period of service of a number of weeks shown in column 2 of Schedule 2, the pension or the said part of it (referred to in section 7(1)(*d*)), apart from any period before insured pensionable age, must be of an amount not less than, in the case of a man, the amount shown in column 1 of the appropriate Part of that Schedule, and, in the case of a woman, the amount shown in column 3 of the appropriate Part of that Schedule, in each case opposite to that number of weeks in column 2.

(3) Where a period of service does not amount to an exact number of weeks, it shall be treated for the purpose only of applying the formula in paragraph (2), as amounting to that number of weeks which is equal to the number of contribution weeks beginning in the period.

(4) Where a period of service does not fall wholly within the period to which any one Part of Schedule 2 is appropriate, each Part shall be applied separately to any portion of the period of service to which it is appropriate, and the resulting equivalent pension benefits shall be added together; and for this purpose a week of service which includes the last date to which a Part is appropriate but does not end on that date shall be treated as if it fell wholly after that date."

(2) The Schedule to the Assurance Regulations shall be numbered "Schedule 1" and the reference to that Schedule in regulation 7(1)(*b*) of the said regulations shall be amended accordingly.

(3) The provisions contained in Schedule D shall be added to the Assurance Regulations as Schedule 2 to those regulations.

Recovery by employers

13.—(1) As from 6th January 1964, regulation 16 of the Assurance Regulations (which relates to the increase of the amount which may be recovered by an employer, on making a payment in lieu of contributions, where by virtue of section 8(4) of the Act of 1959 that payment is fixed partly by reference to service in a previous employment) shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2), and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Schedule E.

(2) In the said regulation 16, for all the words after the words "the prescribed amount shall be", there shall be substituted the following—

(a) Inserted by reg. 12 of these regulations.