EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations make provision for matters of a transitional and consequential nature arising out of the coming into operation of section 6 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1960, by virtue of which the description of the office of Umpire under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, is changed to that of Commissioner.

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NATIONAL INSURANCE

Determination of Claims and Questions

REGULATIONS, DATED 27TH MARCH, 1961, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, in exercise of powers conferred by section 40 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the National Insurance (Determination of Claims and Questions) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1961, shall be read as one with the National Insurance (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(b) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations"), and shall come into operation on the 3rd April, 1961.

Amendment of regulation 16 *of the principal regulations*

2. In regulation 16 of the principal regulations (which relates to procedure before the Commissioner) the following paragraph shall be inserted immediately after paragraph (7):

"(7A) If it appears that any appeal involves a question of law of special difficulty, the Commissioner or, as the case may be, a deputy Commissioner may direct that the appeal shall be dealt with, not by the Commissioner or any deputy Commissioner alone, but by a tribunal consisting of any two or three of them, and any such tribunal shall be presided over by the senior member thereof; if the decision of any such tribunal is not unanimous, the decision of the majority, or in the case of a tribunal consisting of two persons, the decision of the presiding member, shall be the decision of the tribunal."

(a) 1946. c. 23.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 185 as amended by reg. 13 of, and Third Schedule to, National Insurance (Death Grant) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949 (S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1949, No. 142); S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 157; reg. 21 of, and Second Schedule to, National Insurance (Maternity Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1953 (S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953, No. 123); S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956, No. 8; 1957, No. 169; 1957, No. 225; 1958, No. 159; 1959, No. 108 and 1959, No. 138.