EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend regulation 2 of the National Assistance (Determination of Need) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (the "principal regulations") by including a reference to the provisions of the Second Schedule to the National Assistance Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, as to the disregarding of assets of an applicant for assistance under that Act.

These Regulations also substitute new provisions for those contained in the Schedule to the principal regulations. They provide for increases in the weekly sums allowed for requirements, other than rent, for the purpose of determining the need of an applicant for assistance.

They provide that the rent allowance for a householder shall be the net rent payable or such part as is reasonable in the circumstances, so that in no case will the former restriction by reference to the level of rents in the locality apply; and they increase the permissible rent allowance for persons who are not householders.

They also provide for an increase in the amount of earnings to be disregarded and vary the method of assessing the contributions towards the expenses of the household which are taken to be made by members of it who are not dependants of the householder.

They make it clear that paragraph 5 of Part I of the Schedule applies only to residential accommodation provided under section 4 or section 7 of the Welfare Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, if that accommodation includes board and other services.

All previous amending regulations which are spent are revoked.

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ULSTER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

Abandonment of Railway Lines

AN ORDER FOR ABANDONMENT, DATED 3RD DAY OF JULY, 1959, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTION 58 OF THE TRANSPORT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948(a), AS AMENDED BY SECTION 28 OF THE TRANSPORT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1958(b).

Whereas by virtue of the Great Northern Railway Act (Northern Ireland), 1953(c), the whole of the undertaking (including the railway undertaking) of the Great Northern Railway Company (Ireland) (other than the land of the Company) was transferred to the Great Northern Railway Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board");

And whereas on the 1st day of October, 1958, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland), 1958, that part of the undertaking of the Board situate within Northern Ireland became vested in the Ulster Transport Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority");

(a) 1948. c. 16. (b) 1958. c. 15. (c) 1953. c. 25.