(*a*) by *eightpence*, in the case of men and women over the age of eighteen; and

(*b*) by *fourpence halfpenny*, in the case of boys and girls under the age of eighteen.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations, which are made in consequence of the National Insurance (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland), 1957, amend the National Insurance (Mariners) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948. They reduce from three-fifths to one-half the proportion of the ordinary employer's contributions which is payable in respect of mariners employed as masters or members of crews who neither are domiciled nor have a place of residence in the United Kingdom. They also increase the reduction, which was authorised by those regulations, in the weekly rate of employer's contributions payable in respect of mariners employed as masters or members of crews of foreign-going ships.

Mariners Amendment (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1958

REGULATIONS, DATED 29TH JULY, 1958, 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 ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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The National Insurance Joint Authority, in exercise of powers conferred by section 10(2)(*a*) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946(**a**), and the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of powers conferred by section 28 of that Act, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the National Insurance (Mariners) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1958, shall be read as one with the National Insurance (Mariners) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(**b**), (hereinafter referred to as " the principal regulations ") and shall come into operation on the 11th August, 1958.

(**a**) 1946. c. 23.

(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 236 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1949, No. 50; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 174; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953, No. 72 and S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 10.

Amendment of regulation 9 *of the principal regulations*

2. For regulation 9 of the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following regulation:—

"**9.** Any person, who is or has been employed as master or a member of the crew of any ship or vessel or who is or has been under contract to travel at his employer's expense for the purpose of commencing such employment, shall not, by reason of his being absent from Northern Ireland (but subject to the provisions of paragraph (*a*) of regulation 10 of the National Insurance (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948), be disqualified on any day for receiving—

(*a*) sickness benefit, if

(i) on account of any hurt or injury received, or any illness suffered, by him while so employed or under contract so to travel; or

(ii) in consequence of any action taken, while he is or was so employed or under contract so to travel, for the purpose of preventing infection;

he has been left outside Northern Ireland or has been discharged or has not commenced such employment; or

(*b*) unemployment or sickness benefit, if, while so employed or under contract so to travel, he has been left outside Northern Ireland for any reasons other than those specified in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph (*a*) of this regulation, and reports to the appropriate superintendent or consular officer or chief officer of customs not later than fourteen days after being so left, or, if, at the time of being so left, he was placed in custody, immediately after his release from custody:

Provided that this regulation shall cease to have effect—

(*a*) on that person's commencing or resuming employment outside Northern Ireland; or

(*b*) in any case where that person does not return to a proper return port without undue delay, on his return being so delayed; or

(*c*) in any other case, on his return to a proper return port.".

Regulation 10 *of the principal regulations ceasing to have effect*

3. Regulation 10 of the principal regulations (which provides for the suspension of payment of benefit to mariners whilst absent from Northern Ireland) shall cease to have effect.

Amendment of regulation 14 *of the principal regulations*

4. For regulation 14 of the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following regulation:—

"**14.**—(1) A mariner employed as master or a member of the crew of any ship or vessel shall—