EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Contributors) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, by providing that certain references to retirement pensions for widows by virtue of their husbands' insurance shall include certain retirement pensions by virtue of their own insurance. In regard to widows of existing pensions contributors who reach their sixtieth birthday on or after the 5th August, 1957, and who immediately before attaining that age were entitled to widow's benefit, it is provided that the condition of the lapse of ten years since last entry into insurance to which certain such widows were subject, the provision in certain cases postponing pensionable age for ten years, and the right of electing not to be qualified for a retirement pension and the consequential refund in respect of paid contributions should not apply. In regard to such widows as aforesaid provision is also made to preserve a part of certain benefit from reduction on account of earnings. The remaining provisions are of a minor or consequential character.

REGULATIONS, DATED 15TH NOVEMBER, 1957, 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 1957.

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The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 62 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946(**a**), section 4(1)(*a*) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1955(**b**), and section 10(2) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1957(**c**), 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 (Pensions, Existing Contributors) (Transitional) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957, shall be read as one with the National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Contributors) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(**d**), (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on the 18th November, 1957.

(**a**) 1946. c. 23. (**b**) 1955. c. 1. (**c**) 1957. c. 7.
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948. No. 129 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1949. No. 130; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1949. No. 159; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951. No. 110; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951. No. 154; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1952. No. 133; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1952. No. 137; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953. No. 108; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955. No. 8; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956. No. 138; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957. No. 181.