EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations amend the National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, by permitting a woman who is excepted from liability to pay a contribution through absence from Northern Ireland to be credited with a contribution if she satisfies the provisions of regulation 6A of the National Insurance (Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, which regulation relates to women in receipt of widows' pensions under certain provisions other than those of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946.

Unemployment and Sickness Benefit Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957

REGULATIONS, DATED 1ST AUGUST, 1957, MADE BY THE NATIONAL INSURANCE JOINT AUTHORITY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946 TO 1957.

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The National Insurance Joint Authority, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 10(2)(*d*), 10(3) and 24 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946(**a**), in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance so far as relates to matters with regard to which the Ministry of Finance has so directed, and the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, in exercise of powers conferred by section 4(2) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1957(**b**), 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 (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957, shall be read as one with the National Insurance (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(**c**), (hereinafter referred to as " the principal regulations ") and shall come into operation on the 5th August, 1957.

Regulation substituted for regulation 4 of the principal regulations

2. For regulation 4 of the principal regulations (which contains special provisions relating to a day to be substituted for Sunday) there shall be substituted the following regulation:—

(**a**) 1946. c. 23. (**b**) 1957. c. 7.

(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948. No. 248 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1949. No. 197; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1952. No. 137; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953. No. 123; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1954. No. 22; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955. No. 7; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955. No. 19; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956. No. 32.

" *Special provisions relating to day substituted for Sunday*

4.—(1) In the case of a person who,—

(*a*) in any week in which, in the normal course, he would work as an employed person on not more than six days including the Sunday, is unemployed on that Sunday; and

(*b*) claims unemployment benefit for that Sunday;

the day of that week on which, in the normal course, he would not work as an employed person, or (if that week contains more than one day on which in the normal course he would not so work) the later or last of those days, shall be substituted for that Sunday as a day which, by virtue of the provisions of paragraph (*d*) of subsection (2) of section 10 of the Act, is not to be treated as a day of unemployment or of incapacity for work for the purposes of any provision of the Act relating to unemployment or sickness benefit and, for those purposes, is to be disregarded in computing any period of consecutive days.

(2) In this regulation, the expression " week " means a period of seven days commencing with the midnight between Saturday and Sunday.".

Amendment of regulation 5 of the principal regulations

3. In regulation 5 of the principal regulations (which relates to night workers), sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of paragraph (1), the words " other than Saturday or Sunday " in sub-paragraph (*c*) of that paragraph, and paragraph (2) shall be omitted and that regulation shall accordingly have effect as set out in the schedule to these regulations.

Provisions added to the principal regulations

4.—(1) The following provisions shall be added after regulation 7 of the principal regulations:—

" *Provisions relating to treatment of days as days of unemployment*

7A.—(1) For the purposes only of subsection (1) of section 4 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1957 (which, in relation to a person who is employed in any employed contributor's employment which has not been terminated, imposes a condition with respect to the treatment, as a day of unemployment, of a day on which in the normal course that person would not work), the following provisions of this regulation shall apply.

(2) Where a person is employed in an employed contributor's employment which has not been terminated but has been indefinitely suspended, that employment shall be treated as if it had been terminated on the date on which it was suspended if the period of the suspension consists of not less than twelve consecutive weekdays exclusive of any day or days of recognised or customary holiday in connection with the employment which has been suspended.

(3) Where, in any week, a person is employed in an employed contributor's employment which has not been terminated, if—

(*a*) in relation to that person, that employment is casual employment; or

(*b*) in the normal course, that person would not work for the employer by whom he is employed in that employment; or

(*c*) the earnings derived from that employment for that week do not exceed forty shillings and that person's work in that employment could ordinarily have been performed by him in addition to his work in, and outside the ordinary working hours of, his usual employment;

that employment shall be treated, as respects that week, as if it had been terminated immediately after its commencement.

(4) If, as respects any day, a person satisfies the following conditions, that is to say:—

(*a*) in the normal course, he would work on that day in an employed contributor's employment which has not been, and does not fall to be treated as if it had been, terminated but has been suspended; and

(*b*) on that day, he works either—

(i) in some other employed contributor's employment which, by virtue of the last foregoing paragraph, falls, or (if it had not been terminated) would fall, to be treated, as respects the week in which that day occurs, as if it had been terminated; or

(ii) in an employment which, if it were an employed contributor's employment, would be such an employment as is described in head (i) of this sub-paragraph;

that day shall be treated as a day of interruption of employment if, but for his having so worked on that day, it would have been so treated.

(5) In this regulation, the expression "week" has the same meaning as in the said subsection (1).".

(2) The following provisions shall be added after regulation 13 of the principal regulations:—

"*Increase of unemployment and sickness benefit for persons over pensionable age*

14. Where, by virtue of the provisions of section 25 of the Act (which makes provision as to unemployment and sickness benefit for persons over pensionable age) as amended by subsection (3) of section 2 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1957, a person who is over pensionable age is entitled to unemployment or sickness benefit in respect of any day for which he would have been entitled to a retirement pension only by virtue of section 24 of the Act (which confers a power, in relation to certain benefits including unemployment and sickness benefit to provide by regulations for entitlement to benefit on a reduced scale in cases where a person would be entitled to the benefit but for the fact that the relevant contribution conditions are not satisfied), the