Determination of Claims and Questions Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1956

REGULATIONS, DATED 13TH JANUARY, 1956, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, in exercise of the 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), 1956, 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 16th January, 1956.

Amendment of regulation 15 of the principal regulations

2.—(1) Regulation 15 of the principal regulations (which relates to appeals to the umpire from local tribunals) shall be amended in accordance with the next following paragraph and accordingly shall have effect as set out in the schedule hereto.

(2) In sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (1) of the said regulation 15, for the words "of which, in either case", there shall be substituted the words "where in either case—(i).";; after the words "is a member", there shall be inserted the words "of the association"; and after the word "arose", there shall be inserted the words "or (ii) the question at issue relates to the right to benefit by virtue of the insurance of a deceased person and that person was a member of the association at the time of his death".

Amendment of regulation 16 of the principal regulations

3. The following paragraphs shall be added after paragraph (5) of regulation 16 of the principal regulations (which relates to procedure before the umpire):—

(5A) If it appears to the umpire that any appeal which is made to him involves a question of fact of special difficulty, the umpire may direct that in dealing with the appeal or any part thereof he shall have the assistance of an assessor or assessors.

(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; and 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).