which persons are treated as non-employed persons and their employment therein disregarded, and, in column (B), the persons excepted from the operation of column (A)) and immediately after paragraph 60, there shall be added—

(*a*) in column (A) the following paragraph:—

"61. Employment, involving part-time service only, by the Board of Admiralty as a member of the Royal Naval Minewatching Service."; and

(*b*) in column (B) the following paragraph:—

"61. Any person in employment specified in paragraph 61 of column (A) where he is undergoing training or instruction for a period of not less than seventy-two consecutive hours."

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Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland.

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Married Women

REGULATIONS, DATED 1ST MARCH, 1954, MADE BY 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 Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, acting in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 12(4) and 56 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 (Married Women) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1954, shall be read as one with the National Insurance (Married Women) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948(**b**) as amended (**c**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on the 1st day of March, 1954.

(**a**) 1946. c. 23.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948. No. 220.
(**c**) S. 9 and para. 15 of First Schedule, National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1953 (1953. c. 27).

Amendment of regulation 3 of the principal regulations

2.—(1) Regulation 3 of the principal regulations (which relates to the insurance of married women who are self-employed persons) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) For paragraph (1) of the said regulation 3, there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

" (1)(*a*) A woman shall be excepted from liability to pay contributions in respect of any period during which she is married and is a self-employed person unless, during that period, she elects otherwise in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(*b*) Every such election by a married woman shall be either an election to be liable to pay contributions as a self-employed person or an election to be liable to pay contributions as if she were a non-employed person notwithstanding that she is a self-employed person, and a woman who makes any such election shall, during the operation of the election but subject to the provisions of the Act and of regulations 5 and 6, be liable to pay the contributions which she has elected to be liable to pay:

Provided that, in relation to a married woman who has attained pensionable age but has not attained the age of sixty-five, any such election made by her to be liable to pay contributions as if she were a non-employed person shall be treated as if it were an election to be liable to pay contributions as if she were a non-employed person under pensionable age.

(*c*) Where a married woman has elected under the foregoing provisions of this regulation to be liable to pay contributions as if she were a non-employed person, every such contribution paid by her in respect of a week commencing on or after the date of the coming into operation of this sub-paragraph and occurring during the operation of any such election shall be treated as if it were a contribution as a self-employed person for the purposes of paragraph (1) of regulation 4 and Condition II of the schedule to these regulations and, if it is paid in respect of a week commencing on or after the date on which she attained pensionable age, for the purposes of subsection (4) of section 19 of the Act (which provides for increasing the weekly rate of a retirement pension where contributions as an employed or self-employed person have been paid by the beneficiary in respect of the period after his attaining pensionable age)."

(3) For sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (2) of the said regulation 3, there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:—

" (*a*) Every election by a married woman under the foregoing provisions of this regulation shall be made by her by giving notice in writing to the Ministry, and if such notice is given before the expiration of thirteen

weeks (or such longer period as the Ministry, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, may allow) beginning with the week next following the date on which she became or again became a married woman who was a self-employed person, the election shall be operative from that date, but if such notice is given thereafter, the election shall be operative from the beginning of the week in which the said notice was given."

Amendment of regulation 4 of the principal regulations

3.—(1) Regulation 4 of the principal regulations (which relates to the insurance of married women who are non-employed persons) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) In paragraph (1) of the said regulation 4, paragraph (*a*) of the proviso, and the words " of this paragraph ", shall be omitted.

(3) For sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (2) of the said regulation 4, there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:—

" (*a*) Every election by a married woman under the foregoing provisions of this regulation shall be made by her by giving notice in writing to the Ministry, and if such notice is given before the expiration of thirteen weeks (or such longer period as the Ministry, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, may allow) beginning with the week next following the date on which she became or again became a married woman who was a non-employed person, the election shall be operative from that date, but if such notice is given thereafter, the election shall be operative from the beginning of the week in which the said notice was given."

Revocation of paragraph (1) of regulation 6 of the principal regulations, and consequential amendments

4.—(1) In regulation 6 of the principal regulations, paragraph (1) (which limits the contributions to be taken into account for the purpose of determining the right of a married woman to unemployment benefit or sickness benefit where less than forty-five contributions under the Act have been paid by or credited to her in respect of a contribution year which began after the appointed day and during the whole of which she was a married woman) shall cease to have effect and shall be omitted from the principal regulations.

(2) In consequence of the foregoing provisions of this regulation,—

(*a*) in paragraph (2) of the said regulation 6, for the words " the said first-mentioned ", there shall be substituted the word " that "; and

(*b*) sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (1) of regulation 8 of the principal regulations (which sub-paragraph relates to the operation of the said paragraph (1) of regulation 6) shall cease to have effect, and accordingly that sub-

paragraph and the words " (but subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (*c*) of this paragraph) " where they occur in sub-paragraph (*a*) of the said paragraph (1) of regulation 8 shall be omitted from the principal regulations.

Provision added to the principal regulations

5. After regulation 6 of the principal regulations, there shall be added the following regulation:—

" *Limitation of the operation of regulations* 5 *and* 6

6A. The provisions of regulations 5 and 6 shall not operate to prevent the payment by a married woman of any contribution in respect of any week commencing on or after the date of the coming into operation of this regulation except in the case of a married woman who, immediately before that date, by virtue of the operation of those provisions, either—

(*a*) was not entitled to pay contributions as, or as if she were, a non-employed person notwithstanding that she had elected to be liable to pay such contributions; or

(*b*) would not have been so entitled if she had been able to elect, and had elected, so to be liable,

unless and until Condition II of the schedule to these regulations should have been satisfied in respect of appropriate weeks determined in accordance with those provisions; and, in the case of any such married woman, those provisions shall cease to apply if and when, on or after that date, that Condition is satisfied in respect of those weeks or she ceases to be a married woman."

Amendment of regulation 12 *of the principal regulations*

6. In regulation 12 of the principal regulations (which relates to the duty of a woman to furnish evidence and give notice of her marriage), for the words " eight weeks ", there shall be substituted the words " thirteen weeks ".

Form of amended regulations

7. In accordance with the foregoing provisions of these regulations, regulations 3, 4, 6 and 12 of the principal regulations shall have effect as set out in the schedule to these regulations.

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