Equipment Grants Amending Regulations

REGULATIONS, DATED 17TH NOVEMBER, 1953, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

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The Ministry of Education in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sub-section (2) of Section one hundred and six and Section one hundred and twelve of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Equipment Grants Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1953.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the date hereof.

2. The existing Regulations hereby amended are the Equipment Grants Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (**a**).

3. The following proviso shall be added to Regulation 4 of the existing Regulations :—

Provided that failure to obtain the approval of the Ministry before equipment is purchased shall not be a disqualification for the payment of grant —

(*a*) if the Ministry is satisfied that the need to purchase the equipment could not reasonably have been foreseen and that delay in its provision would have resulted in hardship to the pupils or necessitated the closing of the whole or part of the school ; and

(*b*) if the manager furnishes to the Ministry, as soon as is reasonably practicable, full particulars of the equipment, its estimated cost and a statement of the circumstances in which its immediate provision was considered necessary.

4. For Regulation 7 of the existing Regulations there shall be substituted the following :—

Where expenditure on the provision of equipment becomes necessary because of loss or damage caused by the action of any person not acting with the permission of, or under the control of, the managers and it appears that such expenditure or part thereof is recoverable from any person other than the managers, the Ministry shall not pay grant unless it is satisfied that the managers, having made all reasonable efforts to do so, have been unable to secure recovery of an amount which, after the payment of any other sums properly payable out of the amount recovered, is sufficient to meet

(a) Statutory Rules and Orders, 1948, No. 47.