servant completed making such payments, the right to receive the balance of the debt shall be transferred to the Minister or, as regards Scotland, the Secretary of State.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 31st day of December, 1953, in the presence of

(L.S.) *Thos. Elwood,*
Second Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this 31st day of December, 1953, in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. McCaughey,*
Assistant Secretary.

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PART I

Qualifications for Registration of Catering Establishments

General

1. WHEREAS the Northern Ireland Tourist Board (hereinafter referred to as " the Board ") has duly recommended to the Ministry of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") that the Regulations contained in this Part of these Regulations should be made by the Ministry under section eleven of the Development of Tourist Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, (hereinafter referred to as " the Act "), as amended by the Development of Tourist Traffic (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1952.

NOW THEREFORE, the Ministry on such recommendation and in pursuance of the powers conferred on it by that section and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby revokes the Registration of Catering Establishments Regulations, 1948, and prescribes that the general character, nature and extent of accommodation, service provided and other qualifications requisite for the registration of any

catering establishment in any register established and maintained under Part II of the Act shall be those prescribed in that behalf by the succeeding provisions of this Part of these Regulations.

Register of Hotels

2. A catering establishment shall not be registered in the Register of Hotels established and maintained under Part II of the Act unless in the opinion of the Board —

(*a*) The premises are of solid substantial and permanent construction and in good repair.

(*b*) The premises are exclusively or primarily used for the lodging of travellers or sojourners in private rooms or apartments, and for the provision and service to travellers and sojourners at reasonable hours of meals and refreshments.

(*c*) The premises are of suitable design for Hotel purposes.

(*d*) The sleeping accommodation in the premises is provided by separate bedrooms of reasonably adequate size, with proper ventilation.

(*e*) The toilet facilities including bathrooms and flush lavatories are of modern design and adequate for the number of persons that can be lodged in the premises.

(*f*) The premises contain adequate and reasonable sitting-room and dining-room accommodation.

(*g*) The premises contain adequate kitchen and larder space and culinary facilities.

(*h*) The premises are adequately furnished and equipped and generally conform to modern standards of cleanliness, orderliness, water supply, sewage disposal, ventilation, safety and general condition.

(*i*) The business is under the management of a person or persons reasonably experienced in the management of a Hotel.

Register of Guest Houses

3. A catering establishment shall not be registered in the Register of Guest Houses established and maintained under Part II of the Act unless in the opinion of the Board —

(*a*) The premises are of solid substantial and permanent construction, and in good repair.

(*b*) The premises are constructed or adapted for the lodging of travellers or sojourners in private rooms or apartments, and for the provision of meals and service to travellers and sojourners at fixed hours.

(*c*) The sleeping accommodation in the premises is provided by bedrooms reasonably ventilated and of adequate size.

(*d*) The toilet facilities including bathrooms and flush lavatories are reasonably adequate for the number of persons that can be lodged in the premises.

(*e*) The premises contain reasonably adequate dining-room and sitting-room accommodation.

(*f*) The premises contain adequate kitchen and larder space and culinary facilities.

(*g*) The premises are adequately furnished and equipped and generally conform to modern standards of cleanliness, orderliness, water supply, sewage disposal, ventilation, safety and general condition.

(*h*) The business is under the management of a person or persons reasonably competent in the management of a guest house.

Register of Boarding Houses and Apartment Houses

4. A catering establishment shall not be registered in the Register of Boarding Houses and Apartment Houses established and maintained under Part II of the Act unless in the opinion of the Board —

(*a*) The premises are of solid substantial and permanent construction, and in good repair.

(*b*) The premises contain adequate sanitary and toilet facilities.

(*c*) The premises are adequately furnished and equipped and conform to a reasonable standard of cleanliness and comfort.

Register of Restaurants

5. A catering establishment shall not be registered in the Register of Restaurants established and maintained under Part II of the Act unless in the opinion of the Board —

(*a*) The premises conform to modern standards of cleanliness and comfort.

(*b*) The premises contain adequate kitchen and larder space and culinary facilities.

(*c*) The premises are adequately furnished and equipped.

(*d*) The business is under reasonably experienced management.

Register of Outside Caterers

6. An outside caterer shall not be registered in the Register of Outside Caterers established and maintained under Part II of the Act as amended, unless in the opinion of the Board the business of an outside Caterer is being genuinely carried on.

PART II

Application for Registration

Application for Registration

7. The Ministry, after consultation with the Board and in pursuance of the powers conferred by section twelve of the Act and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby prescribes as follows :—

(*a*) Application for registration shall be made on or before 31st March in each year in respect of registration to be effected for the financial year then next following.

(*b*) (1) An application shall be made in writing and addressed to the Board. It shall contain a full description of the premises sought to be registered, together with such detailed particulars of the business carried on therein as will show that in all respects they comply with the Act and these Regulations and are fit and suitable to be registered thereunder as a Catering Establishment in the Register to which the application relates. The Board shall be at liberty to enquire into the accuracy of such description and particulars, and require such further and better particulars to be furnished as it may consider

necessary and may, before deciding on the eligibility for registration of the premises, require the applicant to make such alterations or additions to the premises or to the furnishings and equipment thereof as a condition of such registration and for this purpose the Board and its Officers shall be at liberty to enter the premises. Provided, however, and it is hereby declared that in the case of a second or subsequent application for registration of premises previously registered, the Board may, in its discretion, dispense with such descriptions or particulars as it may consider unnecessary in the circumstances of the particular case. This rule shall apply to all applications save those of Outside Caterers hereinafter provided for.

(2) An application for registration as an Outside Caterer shall be made in writing and sent to the Board. It shall contain (i) the full name, address and description of the Outside Caterer ; (ii) address of the premises from which the business of outside catering is carried on ; (iii) detailed description of all buildings used in connection with the said business and the equipment therein, the accommodation available for storing food, cooking facilities therein, the means of transport for food and in addition the applicant shall supply such further particulars and information as the Board may reasonably require to satisfy it that the applicant carries on the business of an Outside Caterer.

(*c*) The application shall be accompanied by the amount of the stamp duty payable in accordance with the provisions of the Development of Tourist Traffic Acts (Northern Ireland), 1948 and 1952 and, except in an application for registration in the Register of Outside Caterers, by the Statement of Charges which shall be in the appropriate form prescribed in the Schedule hereto.

Part III

Miscellaneous

8.—(*a*) These regulations may be cited as the Registration of Catering Establishments Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1953. Citation and interpretation

(*b*) The Interpretation Acts 1889 and 1921 shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as they apply for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this twentieth day of February One Thousand nine hundred and fifty-three in the presence of

(L.S.)

Arthur Acheson Farrell,
Assistant Secretary.