in respect of the last complete contribution year before the relevant time, and

(*ii*) *before the week in which the confinement occurs either of the alternative conditions contained in sub-paragraph* (*b*) (*i*) *of paragraph* (2) *of regulation* 3 (*and, where applicable, the provisions of sub-paragraph* (*c*) *of that paragraph*) *are satisfied by the relevant person, irrespective of whether the other provisions of that regulation are satisfied* ;

and any such woman shall, in addition, not be disqualified for receiving any such benefit by reason of her being absent from Northern Ireland.

For the purposes of this paragraph the expression " relevant person " means the person by whom the contribution conditions are to be satisfied ; and the expression " relevant time " means the date of the confinement, or where the relevant person is the husband and he was dead or over pensionable age on that date, the date of his attaining pensionable age or dying under that age.

(2) *The provisions of sub-paragraph* (*b*) *of the foregoing paragraph shall not apply —*

(*a*) *to a maternity grant or attendance allowance payable to a woman by virtue only of her husband's insurance, unless at the time of confinement she is residing with her husband, or, if he is dead, unless she was residing with him at the time of his death ; or*

(*b*) *to a maternity grant payable to a woman by virtue of a certificate that it is to be expected that she will be confined.*

Seasonal Workers Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952

REGULATIONS, DATED 22ND AUGUST, 1952, 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, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 12 (4) 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 (Seasonal Workers) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952, shall be read as one with the National Insurance (Seasonal Workers) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950 (**b**) (hereinafter referred to as

(a) 1946. c.23. (b) S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1950, No. 139.

" the principal regulations ") and shall come into operation on the 25th August, 1952.

Amendment of regulation 2 of the principal regulations

2.—(1) Paragraph (2) of regulation 2 of the principal regulations (which contains definitions of expressions used in that regulation and (where applicable) in regulation 3) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation, and shall accordingly have effect as set out in the schedule hereto.

(2) In sub-paragraph (*a*) of the said paragraph (2), for the words " with the season of the year " there shall be substituted the words " at approximately the same time or times in successive years ", and at the end of that sub-paragraph the following provision shall be added :—

" and for the purpose of this definition the following provisions shall apply :—

(i) the expression ' part or parts only of a year ' shall include any period of time (or, if more than one period, the aggregate of those periods whether in the same or different occupations) whatever the duration of that period ; provided that a person shall not be treated as a seasonal worker where the period of the year, or, if more than one period, the aggregate of the periods (whatever the duration of any such period) during which he is normally not employed is not more than seven weeks ;

(ii) in construing the expression ' normal employment ', regard shall be paid to factors inherent in the nature or conditions of the occupation or occupations in which that person is engaged, and not to factors abnormal to that occupation or occupations notwithstanding that those factors persist for a prolonged period ; ".

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

" (*b*) ' off-season ' means, in relation to a seasonal worker, that period of the year (or, if more than one period, the aggregate of those periods) during which he is normally not employed, and for this purpose the expression " period " shall not include any period of less than seven consecutive days."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 22nd day of August, 1952, in the presence of

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