of recognised or customary holiday in connection with that person's employment in a week which contains not more than three days of such holiday, and is a day in a period during which that employment is suspended.

(*b*) Any period in respect of which a person is disqualified for receiving either unemployment benefit or sickness benefit by reason of the provisions of section 12 of the Act (which section relates to disqualification for unemployment benefit and sickness benefit) or any regulations made thereunder, shall not be a period of unemployment or incapacity for work, as the case may be.

(*c*) Any period in respect of which a person is disqualified for receiving unemployment benefit or sickness benefit by reason of the provisions of paragraph (*a*) of subsection (1) of section 28 of the Act (which paragraph relates to disqualification for benefit by reason of being absent from Northern Ireland) shall not be a period of unemployment or incapacity for work, as the case may be.

(4) For the purposes of regulation 2 and regulation 3, where in any week a person is for part of that week unemployed and for the remainder of that week incapable of work, he shall be treated as if unemployed for the whole of that week, if Condition I or Condition II of the schedule to these regulations has been satisfied, and, if neither of those Conditions has been satisfied but Condition III or Condition IV of that schedule has been satisfied, he shall be treated as if incapable of work for the whole of that week, and the said regulations shall be construed accordingly.

Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952

REGULATIONS, DATED 18TH JULY, 1952, MADE BY THE NATIONAL INSURANCE JOINT AUTHORITY AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946 TO 1952.

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The National Insurance Joint Authority, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 22, 23, 24 and 29 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, in exercise of powers conferred by section 9 of the Family Allowances and National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1952, and sections 16, 28, 57 and 68 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, in each case in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance so far as relates to matters with regard to which the Ministry of Finance has so directed, and in exercise of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations :—

PART I

GENERAL

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Increase of Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952, and shall come into operation on the 21st July, 1952.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

" the principal Act " means the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 ;

" the Act of 1951 " means the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1951 ;

" the Act of 1952 " means the Family Allowances and National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1952 ;

" the Claims and Payments Regulations " means the National Insurance (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, as amended ;

" the Existing Contributors Regulations " means the National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Contributors) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, as amended ;

" the Hospital In-Patients Regulations " means the National Insurance (Hospital In-Patients) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949, as amended ;

" the Increase of Benefit Regulations " means the National Insurance (Increase of Benefit, Re-entry into Regular Employment and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951 ;

" the New Entrants Regulations " means the National Insurance (New Entrants Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, as amended ;

" the Overlapping Benefits Regulations " means the National Insurance (Overlapping Benefits) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949, as amended ;

" the Unemployment and Sickness Benefit Regulations " means the National Insurance (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, as amended ;

" the Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions Regulations " means the National Insurance (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, as amended ;

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland ;

and other expressions have the same meanings as in the principal Act as amended by the Act of 1951 and the Act of 1952.

(3) References in these regulations to any enactment or regulations shall include references to such enactment or regulations as amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulations.

(4) The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these regulations in like manner as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Part II

Increases in rates of benefit payable under regulations

2. The existing rates of benefit referred to in this Part of these regulations payable by virtue of certain regulations made under the principal Act shall in order to bring them into conformity with the increased rates of benefit payable directly under that Act by virtue of the Act of 1952, be increased in the manner and to the extent specified or referred to in this Part.

Increase in rates of unemployment and sickness benefit payable at reduced rates owing to partial satisfaction of contribution conditions

3.—(1) As from the 24th July, 1952, paragraph (2) of regulation 13 of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefit Regulations (which relates to partial satisfaction of contribution conditions and reduced rates of benefit) shall be amended by the substitution for the expression " and (5) " of the expression " (5) and (6) ".

(2) As from the 24th July, 1952, the revised schedule set out in Schedule A to these regulations (showing in italics in columns (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) the increased rates of unemployment and sickness benefit, which is payable at reduced rates by reason of partial satisfaction of contribution conditions) shall be substituted for the Second Schedule to the Unemployment and Sickness Benefit Regulations (which is referred to in the said paragraph (2) of those regulations).

Increase in rates of widow's benefit and retirement pensions payable at reduced rates owing to partial satisfaction of contribution conditions

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of regulation 14, as from the 24th July, 1952, in relation to widow's benefit, and as from the 29th September, 1952, in relation to retirement pensions, paragraph (2) of regulation 7, as amended, of the Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions Regulations (which relates to partial satisfaction of contribution conditions and reduced rates of benefit) shall be amended by the substitution for the expression " (5), (6) and (7) " of the expression " and (5) ".

(2) Subject as aforesaid, as from the 24th July, 1952, in relation to widow's benefit, and as from the 29th September, 1952, in relation to retirement pensions, the revised schedule set out in Schedule B to these regulations (showing in italics in columns (2), (3), (4) and (5) the

increased rates of widow's benefit and retirement pension and of increase of retirement pension in respect of a wife, which are payable at reduced rates by reason of partial satisfaction of contribution conditions) shall be substituted for the schedule to the Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions Regulations (which is referred to in the said paragraph (2) of those regulations).

Increase in rates of benefit for certain widows who are new entrants

5. Subject to the provisions of regulation 14, as from the 29th September, 1952, in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (2) of regulation 5, as amended, of the New Entrants Regulations (which relates to certain widows over the age of fifty on the appointed day), for the words " twenty-six shillings ", wherever they occur in that sub-paragraph, there shall be substituted the words " thirty-two shillings and sixpence ", and the proviso to that sub-paragraph shall be omitted.

PART III

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Increase in minimum earnings of a female person employed to have care of a child or children of a beneficiary's family

6. As from the 24th July, 1952, in sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (1) of regulation 12 of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefit Regulations (which relates to increase of benefit for a female person having care of a child), for the words " sixteen shillings " there shall be substituted the words " twenty-one shillings and sixpence ".

Limitation on reduction of widowed mother's allowance on account of earnings

7. As from the 24th July, 1952, in regulation 13 of the Increase of Benefit Regulations (which relates to the limitation on the reduction of widowed mother's allowance on account of earnings), for the words " 3rd September, 1951 " there shall be substituted the words " 24th July, 1952 ", and after the words " forty " and " ten shillings " there shall be inserted the words "-three " and " and sixpence " respectively.

Condition attaching to increase in the amounts of existing awards of benefit

8.—(1) Subsection (1) of section 9 of the Act of 1952 (which subsection relates to the effect of existing awards) shall, in its application to any award of benefit under the principal Act of a description which is payable at a higher weekly rate by virtue of the Act of 1952 or of any regulations made in consequence of that Act, have effect subject to the condition contained in the next following paragraph.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of regulation 12, as amended, of the Claims and Payments Regulations (which paragraph relates to the extinguishment of the right to benefit) the right to any additional benefit referred to in the preceding paragraph shall, as respects the period beginning with the 24th July, 1952, the 2nd September, 1952, or the 29th September, 1952, as the case may

require (hereafter in this paragraph referred to as " the appropriate date ") and ending with the expiration of the beneficiary's book of serial orders current on the appropriate date (or, if there is no such order book, the expiration of twelve months from the appropriate date), be extinguished, if payment thereof is not obtained within the period of eighteen months from the appropriate date.

Priority to increases of retirement pensions for children

9. As from the 29th September, 1952, in paragraph (1) of regulation 6, as amended, of the Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions Regulations (which relates to priority between a man and his wife to increase of retirement pension for a child), after the words " ten shillings ", wherever they occur, there shall be inserted the words " and sixpence ".

Division of widowed mother's allowance into dependency benefit and personal benefit

10. As from the 24th July, 1952, in paragraph (4) of regulation 1, as amended, of the Overlapping Benefits Regulations and in regulation 7, as amended, of the Hospital In-Patients Regulations (which provisions relate to the division of widowed mother's allowance into dependency benefit and personal benefit), after the words " ten shillings ", wherever they occur in the said paragraph (4) and regulation 7, there shall be inserted the words " and sixpence ".

Adjustment of dependency benefit

11. As from the 24th July, 1952, in sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (1C) of regulation 5, as amended, of the Overlapping Benefits Regulations (which relates to the adjustment of dependency benefit), after the words " ten shillings ", there shall be inserted the words " and sixpence ".

Refund of contributions to persons electing not to be qualified for retirement pension

12.—(1) As from the 6th October, 1952, in sub-paragraph (*c*) (ii) of paragraph (1) of regulation 4 of the New Entrants Regulations and in sub-paragraph (*c*) (ii) of paragraph (1) of regulation 10 of the Existing Contributors Regulations (which sub-paragraphs relate to elections not to be qualified for retirement pension), after the expression " (8) " there shall be inserted the expression " in Part I or Part II ".

(2) As from the 6th October, 1952, the revised schedule set out in Schedule C to these regulations (showing in italics in Part II the increased amounts to be refunded in respect of contributions for weeks commencing on or after the 6th October, 1952) shall be substituted for the Schedule to the New Entrants Regulations and for the Third Schedule to the Existing Contributors Regulations (which are referred to respectively in the said sub-paragraphs (*c*) (ii) of those regulations).

Persons not resident in Northern Ireland

13.—(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of these or any other regulations, but subject to the provisions of this regulation, if a person is not