PART II

(Applicable to contributions in respect of contribution weeks commencing on or after the 6th October, 1952)

Men				*Women*			
Age of man at expiration of period of currency of contribution card on which contribution was paid	*Employed*	*Self-employed*	*Non-employed*	*Age of woman at expiration of period of currency of contribution card on which contribution was paid*	*Employed*	*Self-employed*	*Non-employed*
	Portion of contribution to be refunded				*Portion of contribution to be refunded*		
	pence 23.1	*pence 42.3*	*pence 41.5*		*pence 20.2*	*pence 38.2*	*pence 36.8*
(1)	*(2)*	*(3)*	*(4)*	*(5)*	*(6)*	*(7)*	*(8)*
	Total number of pence to be refunded (including interest) in respect of each contribution				*Total number of pence to be refunded (including interest) in respect of each contribution*		
65 or over	*24*	*43*	*42*	*60 or over*	*21*	*39*	*37*
64	*24*	*43*	*43*	*59*	*21*	*39*	*38*
63	*24*	*44*	*44*	*58*	*21*	*40*	*39*
62	*25*	*46*	*45*	*57*	*22*	*41*	*40*
61	*26*	*47*	*46*	*56*	*22*	*42*	*41*
60	*26*	*48*	*47*	*55*	*23*	*43*	*42*
59	*27*	*49*	*48*	*54*	*23*	*44*	*43"*

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

REGULATIONS, DATED 18TH JULY, 1952, MADE BY 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 Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 62 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and section 7 of the Family Allowances and National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1952, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes 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) (Transitional)

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 Existing Beneficiaries Regulations " means the National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Beneficiaries and Other Persons) (Transitional) 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 General Transitional Regulations " means the National Insurance (General Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, as amended ;

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

" the appointed day " means the 5th July, 1948 ;

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 transitional 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 retirement pensions for existing beneficiaries

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of regulation 10, as from the 29th September, 1952, paragraph (3) of regulation 9, as amended, of the

Existing Beneficiaries Regulations (which relates to rates of converted pensions for existing beneficiaries) shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of the next following paragraph, and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Part I of Schedule A to these regulations.

(2) In the proviso to the said paragraph (3) —

(*a*) for the words from " 3rd September, 1951 " down to the words " seventy on that day " there shall be substituted the words " 29th September, 1952 " ;

(*b*) in paragraph (*a*), for the words " thirty shillings " and " twenty shillings ", there shall be substituted the words " thirty-two shillings and sixpence " and " twenty-one shillings and sixpence " respectively ;

(*c*) in paragraph (*b*), for the expressions " (1) and (3) ", " (2) " and " (4) ", there shall be substituted the expressions "(2) and (4) ", " (3) " and " (5) " respectively, and after the words " Third Schedule to these regulations " there shall be inserted the words " to which it was (or would as aforesaid have been) increased by the Increase of Pensions Regulations from the appropriate rate previously applicable (under or by virtue of the Contributory Pensions Acts) as specified in column (1) of that schedule ".

(3) Subject as aforesaid, as from the 29th September, 1952, the revised schedule set out in Schedule B to these regulations (being the schedule there referred to as the " Third Schedule " and showing in italics in columns (3) and (5) the increased rates of retirement pensions for existing beneficiaries) shall be substituted for the Third Schedule, as amended, to the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations (which is referred to in the said regulation 9 of those regulations).

Increase in rates of retirement pensions in respect of wives, and for certain wives, of certain existing beneficiaries

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of regulation 10, as from the 29th September, 1952, regulation 10, as amended, of the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations (which relates to rates of increases in respect of wives, and of retirement pensions for certain wives, of certain existing beneficiaries) shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of the next following paragraph, and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Part II of Schedule A to these regulations.

(2) In the said regulation 10 —

(*a*) in paragraph (1), for the words " the full weekly rate of thirty shillings a week or twenty-six shillings a week, as the case may be ", there shall be substituted the words " thirty-two shillings and sixpence a week ", and the word " double " shall be omitted wherever it occurs ;

(*b*) in the proviso to paragraph (2), for the words from " 3rd September, 1951 " down to the words " sixty-five on that day ", there shall be substituted the words " 29th September, 1952 ".

(3) Subject as aforesaid, as from the 29th September, 1952, the revised schedule set out in Schedule C to these regulations (being the schedule there referred to as the " Second Schedule " and showing in italics in column (2) the increased rates of retirement pensions in respect of wives, and for certain wives, of certain existing beneficiaries) shall be substituted for the Second Schedule, as amended, to the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations (which is referred to in the said regulation 10 of those regulations).

Increase in rates of benefit for existing beneficiaries who are widows

5.—(1) Subject to the provisions of regulation 10, as from the 24th July, 1952, in relation to widow's benefit, and as from the 29th September, 1952, in relation to retirement pensions, regulation 8, as amended, of the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations (which relates to widowed mothers' allowances, widows' pensions and retirement pensions at reduced rates) shall be amended by the substitution for the words " fourth or sixth " of the words " or fourth ".

(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, for the purpose of giving effect to the foregoing paragraph of this regulation, and to regulation 8 (which latter regulation amends the provisions of paragraph (1) of regulation 11 of the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations relating to reductions in rates of benefit on account of earnings) the revised schedule set out in Schedule D to these regulations (being the schedule there referred to as the " First Schedule ", and showing in italics in columns (2) and (4) respectively the increased rates of widowed mothers' allowances and of widows' pensions and certain retirement pensions for existing beneficiaries who are widows, and in columns (3) and (5) respectively the rates below which such allowances and pensions shall not be reduced on account of earnings) shall be substituted for the First Schedule, as amended, to the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations (which is referred to in the said regulation 8 of those regulations).

Increase in rates of benefit for certain existing contributors

6. Subject to the provisions of regulation 10, as from the 29th September, 1952, the revised schedule set out in Schedule E to these regulations (being the schedule there referred to as the " Fifth Schedule ", and showing in italics in the First and Second Tables and in columns (2) and (4) of the Third Table respectively the increased

rates of retirement pensions for certain existing contributors and their wives payable at less than the full appropriate weekly rate) shall be substituted for the Fifth Schedule to the Existing Contributors Regulations, as amended (referred to in regulation 14 of those regulations, which relates to the reduction of the rates of retirement pensions of certain existing pensions contributors who attain pensionable age within five years from the appointed day and the wives of such contributors).

Increase in the rates of benefit for certain widows who are existing contributors

7. Subject to the provisions of regulation 10, as from the 29th September, 1952, in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (4) of regulation 11, as amended, of the Existing Contributors 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

Relaxation of earnings rule for existing beneficiaries who are widows

8.—(1) Subject to the provisions of regulation 10, 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 (1) of regulation 11, as amended, of the Existing Beneficiaries Regulations (which relates to reductions in the rate of benefit on account of earnings) shall be amended in accordance with the provisions of the next following paragraph, and shall accordingly have effect as set out in Part III of Schedule A to these regulations.

(2) In the said paragraph (1) —

(*a*) in sub-paragraph (*a*), after the word " forty ", there shall be inserted the word " -three ", and, after the words " twenty shillings ", there shall be inserted the words " and sixpence ";

(*b*) in sub-paragraph (*c*), the words " full weekly " shall be omitted, and, for the words "twenty-six shillings ", there shall be substituted the words " thirty-two shillings and sixpence " ;

(*c*) in sub-paragraph (*d*), the words " (being a pension reduced from the full weekly rate of twenty-six shillings) " shall be omitted ; and

(*d*) sub-paragraphs (*e*) and (*f*) shall be omitted.