(ii) that a person (being a person who, throughout the period of six months immediately preceding the date of the certificate, has been in receipt of sickness benefit) is incapable of work,

a claim for sickness benefit may, unless the Ministry otherwise directs, be made by that person in respect of the period of thirteen weeks, or such shorter period as the Ministry may in the circumstances determine, in either case commencing immediately after the date of the certificate, and the provisions of regulation 11 shall be construed accordingly.

Any claim for sickness benefit made by any such person may, if it is made on the form containing the certificate, be treated by the Ministry as a claim made also in respect of any days in the said period of thirteen weeks or in any such shorter period, as the case may be."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 31st day of October, 1949, in the presence of

(L.S.) *William Allen,*
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland.

Contributions Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949

REGULATIONS, DATED 11TH JULY, 1949, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL INSURANCE UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

1949. No. 123

The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2 (5) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the National Insurance (Contributions) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949, shall be read as one with the National Insurance (Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (hereinafter referred to as " the principal regulations ") and shall come into operation on the 18th July, 1949.

Amendment of regulation 7 of the principal regulations

2. At the end of sub-paragraph (*c*) (i) of paragraph (2) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations, there shall be added the following words :—