2.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Imported Food) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, and these Regulations and the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937 shall be construed together and may be cited together as the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1937 and 1948.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 12th day of July, 1948.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight.

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

Notification of Infectious Diseases

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (INFECTIOUS DISEASES) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948, DATED 22ND DECEMBER, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, (a), the Public Health Act, 1896, (b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, do hereby make the following Regulations, that is to say :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 and shall come into operation on the second day of January, 1949, and shall then and thereafter apply and have effect throughout Northern Ireland and shall be enforced and executed by every health authority.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, except where the contrary intention appears :—

"health authority" means a health authority constituted under the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946.

"medical officer of health" means in respect of a county an assistant medical officer appointed by a health authority under the terms of section 10 (1) (*c*) of the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and in respect of a county borough, the medical officer of health for the county borough.

(a) 41 & 42 Vic., C.52. (b) 59 & 60 Vic., C.19.

" medical practitioner " means any person for the time being registered under the Medical Acts.

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland.

" district " means a county borough, borough, urban, or rural district.

" food poisoning " means disease of the human body due to the bacterial infection of food or drink whether the disease follows the multiplication within the body of pathogenic organisms contained in the food or drink or whether it follows the ingestion of food or drink in which poisonous substances have been formed as the result of bacterial proliferation.

" rheumatic fever " includes chorea.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, (a) shall apply for the purpose of interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Revocation of Existing Regulations and Application of Provision of Acts and Orders

3.—(1) The Public Health (Notification of Measles and Whooping Cough) Northern Ireland Regulations, 1932, (b) and the Public Health (Notification of Acute Gastro-Enteritis) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1947, (c) are hereby revoked.

(2) The provisions as to notification contained in these Regulations shall have effect in substitution for any provisions contained in any Order made by any local authority under the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, (d) providing for the notification to the medical officer of health of any of the diseases listed in the First Schedule to these Regulations occurring in the district of the local authority.

Notice of Provisions of Regulations

4. The health authority of the county or county borough shall forthwith cause notice to be given to all medical practitioners resident or practising within the county or county borough of the duties imposed upon them by these Regulations.

Notification by Medical Practitioners

5. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, every medical practitioner, as soon as he becomes aware that a person upon whom he is in professional attendance is suffering from any of the diseases included in the First Schedule to these Regulations, shall forthwith transmit a notification thereof in the form prescribed for the purpose of certificates under the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, (d)

(a) 12 Geo., 5 C.4 (N.I.) (b) S. R. & O. 1932 No. 116.
(c) S. R. & O. 1947 No. 120. (d) 52 & 53 Vic. C.72