except that a local tribunal or the umpire, instead of themselves or himself referring a question for determination in accordance with subparagraph (*a*) of the last foregoing paragraph, shall direct it to be so referred by the insurance officer.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 12th day of June, 1948, in the presence of

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

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 12th day of June, 1948, in the presence of

(L.S.) *John I. Cook,*
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

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SCHEDULE

specifying the Conditions attaching to exception from liability to pay, and to the crediting of, contributions.

Condition I

That not less than twenty-six contributions as an employed person have been paid by or credited to the insured person in respect of the contribution year immediately preceding the benefit year which includes the relevant week.

Condition II

That not less than ten contributions as an employed person have been paid by or credited to the insured person in respect of the thirteen weeks immediately preceding the relevant week.

Condition III

That not less than twenty-six contributions, whether as an employed person or a self-employed person, have been paid by or credited to the insured person in respect of the contribution year immediately preceding the benefit year which includes the relevant week.

Condition IV

That not less than ten contributions, whether as an employed person or a self-employed person, have been paid by or credited to the insured person in respect of the thirteen weeks immediately preceding the relevant week.

In this schedule, the expression "the relevant week" means the week in respect of which a question arises under these regulations either in relation to exception from liability to pay, or to the crediting of, a contribution.

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REGULATIONS, DATED 2ND JULY, 1948, 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 ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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The National Insurance Joint Authority and the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, acting 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 of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation.

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Determination of Claims and Questions) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, and shall come into operation on the 2nd July, 1948.

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

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

" the Unemployment Insurance Acts " means the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1944;

" the Unemployment Insurance Act " means the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1936;

" the Health Insurance Acts " means the National Health Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1946;

" the Health Insurance Act of 1936 " means the National Health Insurance Act, 1936;

" the Contributory Pensions Acts " means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1946;

" the Contributory Pensions Act of 1936 " means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1936;

" the Contributory Pensions Act of 1937 " means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Act (Northern Ireland), 1937;

" the repealed enactments " means the Unemployment Insurance Acts, the Health Insurance Acts and the Contributory Pensions Acts (other than those provisions thereof not repealed by the Act);

" the Determination of Claims and Questions Regulations " means the National Insurance (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948;

" the Transitional Regulations " means the regulations for the time being in force under subsection (2) of section 62 of the Act relating to existing contributors or existing beneficiaries or under subsection (2) of section 68 of the Act relating to new entrants over school age on the appointed day;

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

" insurance officer ", " local tribunal " and " the umpire " have the same meanings as in the Determination of Claims and Questions Regulations;

" question " includes, as the case may require, a claim for benefit under the Act or the repealed enactments;

" the Insurance Industry Special Scheme " means the approved scheme referred to in the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Orders (Northern Ireland), 1921 to 1947;

and other expressions have the same meanings as in the Act.

(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.