Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 4th day of February, 1948.

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Brian Maginess,
Minister of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 4th day of February, 1948.

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J. M. Sinclair,
Minister of Finance for Northern Ireland.

Approved Societies Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948

REGULATIONS, DATED 22ND MARCH, 1948, MADE BY THE NATIONAL INSURANCE JOINT AUTHORITY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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The National Insurance Joint Authority, acting in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 66 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 (Approved Societies) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948, and shall come into operation on the 25th March, 1948.

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

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

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

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance ;

" society " means an approved society ;

" branch " means a branch for the purposes of the Insurance Act ;

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

(3) References in these regulations to any enactment, regulations or rules shall include references to such enactment, regulations

or rules as amended by any subsequent enactment, regulations, rules or order.

(4) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Transfer of administration of benefits from societies to the Ministry in accordance with arrangements made by the Ministry.

2.—(1) If by reason of the passing of the Act it appears to the Ministry that it is expedient, for the purpose of facilitating the introduction of the system of insurance established by the Act, that the administration of the benefits under the Insurance Act (other than the additional benefits numbered 4 to 17 inclusive in the Third Schedule to that Act) administered by and through a society or branch of a society should be transferred from that society or branch to the Ministry, it may, after such consultation as it may deem necessary, make an arrangement whereby the administration of any such benefits may be so transferred.

(2) Any such arrangement may relate to all or any of such benefits in respect of all or any of the insured members or persons who have ceased to be insured members or persons claiming through such members or persons, and may provide for notices and evidence of incapacity and claims for maternity benefit to be submitted by such members or persons to the Ministry and not to the society or branch, and for the payment of benefit to such members or persons to be made by and through the Ministry.

Date of operation of such arrangements.

3. At any time after making any such arrangement as is referred to in paragraph (1) of the foregoing regulation the Ministry may give directions to the society or branch of a society concerned that the arrangement shall come into operation either in whole or in part as from such date or dates as may be specified in the directions, and thereafter the benefits under the Insurance Act to which the arrangement (or, as the case may be, that part of the arrangement which is in operation) relates shall not be administered otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of the arrangement.

Determination of questions as to payment of benefit affected by the operation of an arrangement.

4. The following provisions shall apply in the case of any person whose benefits under the Insurance Act have become payable by and through the Ministry in accordance with the provisions of any arrangement made under regulation 2 of these regulations :—

(*a*) any question as to the payment to that person of any benefit which is affected by the operation of any such arrangement in respect of the period after the date of such operation shall be referred to the Ministry ; and

(*b*) any such question shall be determined for and on behalf of the society or branch by the Ministry.