2. After paragraph (4) of Regulation 9 of the National Fire Service (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1942, (which Regulation relates to the suspension of the obligations of local authorities), there shall be inserted the following paragraph :—

" (5) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Regulation, it shall be lawful for a local authority to levy a rate for the local financial year beginning on the 1st day of April, 1947, for the purpose of making provision for the extinction of fires and the protection of life and property in case of fire, as though this Regulation had not been made."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs this 22nd day of March, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-seven, in the presence of

(L.S.) *R. V. Laurenson,*
Assistant Secretary.

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REGULATIONS, DATED 30TH JUNE, 1947, MADE BY 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 Ministry of Labour and National Insurance, 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 it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Approved Societies) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1947.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them—

" the Insurance Act " means the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, as amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulations ;

" the Insurance Acts " means the National Health Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1946, as amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulations ; and expressions shall have the same meanings as in those Acts ;

" the Juvenile Act " means the National Health Insurance (Juvenile Contributors and Young Persons) Act, 1937, as applied and amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulations ;

" the Contributory Pensions Acts " means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1946, as amended by any subsequent enactment, order or regulations ;

" society " means an approved society, or a branch of an approved society.

(3) Subject to the provisions of subsection (5) of section 66 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, 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.

2. As from 1st July, 1947, no person, whether an insured person or a juvenile contributor, shall be admitted to membership of a society for the purposes of the Insurance Acts :

Provided that this regulation shall not preclude a society from admitting to membership either under subsection (2) of section 87 of the Insurance Act or under subsection (2) of section 5 of the Juvenile Act (which sections relate to the admission of persons to membership in societies) any person within a period of three months after the date on which application for membership is delivered to the society if he duly makes such application before the 1st July, 1947, and is on that date either an insured person or a juvenile contributor ; or affect the operation of subsection (3) of the said section 87 or of the said subsection (2) of section 5 in relation to an application for membership by any such person which was so made and has not been rejected.

3.—(1) The provisions of the Insurance Acts and the Contributory Pensions Acts and the regulations, rules and orders made thereunder shall have full force and effect, subject to the modifications which are contained in the foregoing regulation, or are referred to in paragraph (2) of this regulation.

(2)—(*a*) The provisions of the Acts mentioned in the first column of Part I of the Schedule to these regulations shall have effect subject to the modifications specified in the third column.