(Northern Ireland), 1947, and shall be read as one with the National Insurance (Increase of Contributory Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1946, as amended (hereinafter referred to as " the principal regulations ").

(2) In these regulations, the expression " question " shall include any matters which may, under paragraph (*a*) of the proviso to paragraph (2) of regulation (9), or under sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (2) of regulation 10, of the principal regulations be determined by the Ministry, and the expression " decide any question " in regulation 2 shall be construed accordingly.

2. Where under the provisions of the principal regulations the Ministry may decide any question and that decision is subject to an appeal to a court of referees, the Ministry may, if it thinks fit, instead of deciding that question, refer it to a court of referees, and, in relation to any question so referred, the principal regulations shall apply, subject to the necessary modifications, as they apply to an appeal from a decision of the Ministry.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 19th day of April, 1947, in the presence of

(L.S.) *H. Anderson,*
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 19th day of April, 1947, in the presence of

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

Deposit Contributors

REGULATIONS, DATED 21ST APRIL, 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 (Deposit Contributors) 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, except as otherwise expressly provided, expressions shall have the same meanings as in those Acts ;

" 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 ;

" the Arrears Regulations " means the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Regulations, 1937, as amended by any subsequent regulations ;

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

" the Fund " means the Deposit Contributors Fund ;

" the Insurance Section " means the Deposit Contributors Insurance Section ;

" deposit contributor " means any deposit contributor under the Insurance Act other than a deposit contributor who is a member of the Insurance Section ;

" pensionable age " means the age of sixty-five, in the case of a man, and sixty, in the case of a woman ;

" 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. Every deposit contributor who immediately before the 21st April, 1947, has not attained pensionable age and then has an account in the Fund shall,—

(1) if he will not attain pensionable age before the 1st July, 1947, be transferred to the Insurance Section as from the 21st April, 1947 ; and

(2) if he will attain pensionable age before the 1st July, 1947, be so transferred as from the date of his attaining pensionable age :

Provided that this regulation, in so far as it relates to persons coming within paragraph (1), shall not apply to a person who immediately before the 21st April, 1947, is then treated as being insured in a free insurance period or an extended insurance period which, in either case, is due to expire on the 30th June, 1947.

3. The following persons (other than persons who have previously attained pensionable age) shall become members of the Insurance Section as from the appropriate date mentioned below :—

(1) any person (not being a person who is transferred to the Insurance Section under regulation 2) who entered into insurance before the 21st April, 1947, but who did not join a society within the prescribed time and who on the 1st July, 1947, is still insured, and is not—

(*a*) a man of the forces, or

(*b*) a person to whom the provisions of either—

(i) paragraph (*f*) of subsection (1) of section 131 of the Insurance Act (which section relates to the Navy, Army and Air Force Insurance Fund), or

(ii) the regulations made under subsection (2) of that section providing benefit for certain discharged men of the forces,

are applicable,

as from the 21st April, 1947 ;

(2) any person (not being a man of the forces) who enters into insurance on or after the 21st April, 1947, and who does not join a society within the prescribed time, as from the date of such entry into insurance ;

(3) any insured person who on or after the 21st April, 1947, ceases to be a member of a society but who remains an insured person until the 1st July, 1947, and does not join another society within the prescribed time, as from the date of such cessation.

4.—(1) (*a*) If the number of contributions for the contribution year ended the 7th July, 1946, as calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Arrears Regulations, paid by or in respect of a person who becomes a member of the Insurance Section under paragraph (1) of regulation 2 or paragraph (1) of regulation 3, is, after taking into account any contributions paid under sub-paragraph (*b*) of this paragraph, more than thirty-five, the rates of sickness benefit and disablement benefit payable to him during the appropriate period referred to

in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (3) of the First Schedule to these regulations shall not be reduced by reason only of any provision of the Arrears Regulations relating to the reduction of benefits.

(*b*) Where the number of contributions for the said contribution year, as so calculated, is thirty-five or less, the person concerned shall, within such time as the Ministry may in the circumstances of his case allow, be entitled to pay such further contributions (at such rate as would be payable by him under the Arrears Regulations for the said contribution year) as will bring the total contributions, as so calculated, to thirty-six.

(2) If the number of contributions for the said contribution year, as so calculated, paid by or in respect of a person to whom the foregoing paragraph applies is thirty-five or less, and the further contributions referred to in sub-paragraph (*b*) of the foregoing paragraph have not been paid within the time allowed, he shall be entitled, in respect of the period from 21st April, 1947, to the end of the benefit year which is current at that date, to such benefits from the Insurance Section as he would have been entitled to receive in respect of that period from the Fund if these regulations had not been made :

Provided that—

(*a*) if the number of contributions for the said contribution year, as so calculated, is more than twenty-five any right to maternity benefit shall derive from his insurance as a member of the Insurance Section and not from this paragraph ;

(*b*) nothing in this paragraph shall operate to deprive a person of any medical benefit to which he is entitled as such a member.

5. The following provisions shall apply in the case of deposit contributors who become members of the Insurance Section in accordance with these regulations as from the 21st April, 1947, in lieu of the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of section 148 of the Insurance Act (which subsections relate to transfer values in respect of deposit contributors) :—

(1) There shall as from the 21st April, 1947, be debited to the Fund and credited to the Reserve Suspense Fund such sum as the Ministry shall determine represents the sums standing to the credit in the Fund of such deposit contributors.

(2) There shall as from the said date be debited to the Reserve Suspense Fund and credited to the Insurance Section such sum as the Ministry, in consultation with the Actuary appointed by the Minister of Finance, shall determine represents the amount which would have been the amount of the transfer values of such deposit contributors, if they had previously been members of societies instead of deposit contributors.

6. As from the 21st April, 1947, the following insured persons shall not be admitted to membership of a society for the purposes of the Insurance Acts :—

(1) any deposit contributor who has an account in the Fund ;

(2) any person who is a member of the Insurance Section ; and

(3) any person who belongs to one of the classes referred to in sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (1) of regulation 3.

7.—(1) The provisions of these regulations mentioned in the first column of the First Schedule to these regulations shall have effect subject to the modifications specified in the third column.

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

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

(ii) The provisions of the regulations mentioned in the first column of Part II of the said Second Schedule shall have effect subject to the modifications specified in the third column.

(iii) Unless the context otherwise requires, references to any of the Insurance Acts or Contributory Pensions Acts in regulations, orders or rules made under any enactment referred to in paragraph (*a*) of subsection (1) of section 66 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, shall be construed as referring to any such Act as modified by these regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 21st day of April, 1947, 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 21st day of April, 1947, in the presence of

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