1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Approved Societies' Investments) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1946.

(2) 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 the 23rd December, 1946, an approved society or the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance acting on behalf of an approved society shall not invest any further sums (including sums realised from investments) in any investments other than securities which are for the time being authorised by the Parliament of the United Kingdom as investments for savings banks funds, and subsections (1) and (3) of section 143 of the National Health Insurance Act, 1936 (which section relates to the investment of funds by approved societies) shall have effect accordingly :

Provided that this regulation shall not preclude the investment of any sum on or after the said 23rd December in any other security authorised by the said section if negotiations for such investment were entered into before that date.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 18th day of December, 1946.

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

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 18th day of December, 1946.

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

Contributory Pensions, Increase

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1946, 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 :—

Citation and interpretation.

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Increase of Contributory Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1946.

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

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

" 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 or regulations ;

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

" the Contributory Pensions Act of 1937 " means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Act (Northern Ireland), 1937, as amended by any subsequent enactment or regulations ;

" the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939 " means the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, as amended by any subsequent enactment or regulations ;

" the Modification Regulations " means the Contributory Pensions (Modification of Old Age Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1938, as amended ;

" the Consequential Amendments Regulations " means the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Consequential Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1942 ;

" pension " does not include an additional allowance payable under the provisions of the Contributory Pensions Acts.

(3) 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.

Increase in rates of pension contributions.

2.—(1) For the purpose of making provision towards the cost of the increase in rates of pensions provided by these regulations, the rates of contributions specified in the First Schedule to the Contributory Pensions Act of 1936, as amended, shall, as from the 30th September, 1946, be increased by substituting the First Schedule to these regulations for that schedule.

(2) For the purpose aforesaid, the provisions of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1937 relating to rates of contributions payable by special voluntary contributors shall, as from the 30th September, 1946, be modified by substituting the following provisions and the Second Schedule to these regulations for subsections (2) and (3) of section 4 of, and the Second Schedule to, the said Act :—

"(2) The contributions so payable by special voluntary contributors (other than contributors insured for the purpose of widows' pensions and orphans' pensions only) shall be—

(*a*) in the case of initial entrants, at the rate of three shillings and one penny a week in the case of a man, and sixpence a week in the case of a woman ;

(*b*) in the case of all other special voluntary contributors of that class, at the rate of three shillings and one penny a week in the case of a man, and, in the case of women, at the rates specified in the Second Schedule to this Act, being rates calculated by reference to age at the date of entry into insurance.

(3) The contributions so payable by special voluntary contributors who are insured for the purpose of widows' pensions and orphans' pensions only shall be—

(*a*) in the case of initial entrants, at the rate of one shilling and fivepence a week ; and

(*b*) in the case of all other special voluntary contributors of that class, at the rate of one shilling and eightpence a week."

Increase in standard rate of old age pension where pension is in respect of pensioner's own insurance.

3. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, where a person is on the 30th September, 1946, entitled, or thereafter becomes entitled, in respect of his or her own insurance, to an old age pension under the Contributory Pensions Acts or the Modification Regulations at the standard rate of ten shillings a week, that rate shall be increased to twenty-six shillings, if and when :

(*a*) in the case of a man, he has either retired from regular employment in accordance with regulation 9 or attained the age of seventy ; and

(*b*) in the case of a woman, she has either so retired from regular employment or attained the age of sixty-five.

Increase in standard rate of old age pension for a woman where pension is in respect of husband's insurance.

4. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, where a woman (not being a woman to whom regulation 3 applies) is on the 30th September, 1946, entitled, or thereafter becomes entitled, in respect of the insurance of her husband, to an old age pension under the Contributory Pensions Acts or the Modification Regulations at the standard rate of ten shillings a week, that rate shall be increased to sixteen shillings, if and when :

(*a*) her husband has retired from regular employment in accordance with regulation 9 or has attained the age of seventy; and

(*b*) she has herself so retired from regular employment or has attained the age of sixty-five.

Increase in standard rate of widows' pensions.

5. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, where a woman is on the 30th September, 1946, entitled, or thereafter becomes entitled, to a widow's pension under the Contributory Pensions Acts at the standard rate of ten shillings a week, that rate shall be increased to twenty-six shillings, if and when :

(*a*) she has attained the age of sixty ; and

(*b*) she has either retired from regular employment in accordance with regulation 9 or has attained the age of sixty-five.

Increase in rates of old age and widows' pensions payable at less than the standard rate.

6.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, where a person is on the 30th September, 1946, entitled, or thereafter becomes entitled, to an old age pension or widow's pension under the Contributory Pensions Acts or any regulations made thereunder, at a rate which is less than the standard rate of ten shillings a week, the rate of that pension shall be increased to the appropriate rate referred to in paragraph (2) or (3) of this regulation, if and when he or she satisfies such of the conditions set out in regulations 3, 4 or 5 as he or she would, if the pension had been at the standard rate of ten shillings a week, have been required to satisfy to enable that pension to be increased to twenty-six shillings a week or sixteen shillings a week as the case may be.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this regulation, where a person who satisfies the conditions referred to in paragraph (1) of this regulation which are appropriate in his or her case is, or becomes, entitled to a pension at less than the standard rate of ten shillings a week under the Contributory Pensions Acts or any regulations made thereunder (other than under paragraph (*b*) of subsection (3) of section 14 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939, which subsection provides for modified old age pensions where certain dependants war pensions are payable), that is to say, to a pension at one of the rates specified in the first column of the Third Schedule, that rate shall be increased to the rate, appropriate to the circumstances of the case, specified in the second or third column of that schedule.

(3) (*a*) Where a person who satisfies the conditions referred to in paragraph (1) of this regulation which are appropriate in his or her case is, or becomes, entitled to an old age pension at less than the standard rate of ten shillings a week under either paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) of the said subsection (3), the rate of that pension shall be increased to—

(i) the increased rate which, in accordance with paragraph (2) of this regulation, is, or would be, payable under the second or third column of the Third Schedule, if the said old age

pension either is payable under paragraph (*a*), or (where payable under paragraph (*b*)) were treated as being payable under the said paragraph (*a*) at the appropriate rate determined in accordance with the provisions thereof and not the provisions of the said paragraph (*b*) ; or

(ii) the increased rate which would have been payable in accordance with regulation 3, 4 or paragraph (2) of this regulation if the dependants war pension had not been payable, *less* the amount of the dependants war pension ;

whichever is the greater.

(*b*) For the purposes of this paragraph the expression " dependants war pension " shall have the same meaning as in the said subsection (3).

Special provisions relating to increases and pensions where dependants war pensions are payable.

7.—(1) (*a*) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, where the provisions of subsection (2) of section 14 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939 (which provide that certain pensions shall not be payable if a dependants war pension is payable) apply to a widow's pension, and the widow satisfies the relevant conditions of regulation 5 or 6, as the case may be, she shall be entitled to an increase on the basis of that pension if the amount of—

(i) the dependants war pension ; and

(ii) any sum which is payable to the dependants war pension authority under paragraph (*b*) of the said subsection ;

is less than the amount of—

(i) the increased rate which would have been payable in accordance with regulation 5 or 6, as the case may be, if the dependants war pension had not been payable ; and

(ii) any additional allowances which, but for the provisions of the said subsection (2), would have been payable under the Contributory Pensions Acts ;

and the increase per week shall be the difference between the last mentioned and the first mentioned amount.

(*b*) For the purposes of this paragraph, the expression " dependants war pension " shall have the same meaning as in the said subsection (2).

(2) The provisions of the said subsection (2) shall not apply to any increase as determined in accordance with the preceding paragraph, but the other provisions of the Contributory Pensions Acts and the regulations and orders made thereunder shall apply to the increase as if it were a widow's pension.

(3) Where a person is entitled to an old age pension at less than the standard rate of ten shillings a week under subsection (3) of section 14 of the Contributory Pensions Act of 1939, and, in addition, has been