Women and Young Persons

Hours of Employment (Special Exception under Section 98)

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The Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland (in these Regulations referred to as "the Ministry"), in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by Section 98 of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland), 1938, (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations prescribing conditions subject to which the occupier of a factory may avail himself of the special exception contained in the said section as respects the employment of women and young persons who have attained the age of sixteen in processes connected with the preserving or canning of fruit or vegetables during the months of June, July, August and September, where such processes require to be carried out without delay in order to prevent goods from being spoiled.

1. Subject as hereinafter in these regulations provided, no woman or young person employed in pursuance of the special exception shall be employed in the business of the factory, or in any other business carried on by the occupier, except in conformity with the following conditions, namely :—

(*a*) the total hours worked, exclusive of intervals allowed for meals and rest, shall not exceed in the case of any such young person fifty-four or in the case of any such woman sixty in any week ;

(*b*) between midday on any day on which a woman or young person is employed in pursuance of the special exception and midday on the next day, that woman or young person shall be allowed an interval of at least eleven consecutive hours ;

(*c*) no such woman or young person shall be employed continuously for a spell of more than four and a half hours without an interval of at least half an hour for a meal or rest, so, however, that where an interval of not less than ten minutes is allowed in the course of a spell, the spell may be increased to five hours ;

(*d*) no such woman or young person shall be employed before seven o'clock in the morning or after ten o'clock in the evening ;

(*e*) a woman or young person employed in pursuance of the special exception in any week shall either