Existing rates of old age pensions.	Corresponding increased rates of old age pensions	
	where pension is by virtue of pensioner's own insurance or where pensioner is a widow.	where pensioner is a married woman and pension is by virtue of insurance of pensioner's husband.
9s.	23s.	14s.
8s.	20s.	12s.
7s.	18s.	11s.
6s.	15s.	9s.
5s.	13s.	8s.
4s.	10s.	6s.
3s.	8s.	5s.
2s.	5s.	3s.

PENSIONS

Increase of Pensions

THE INCREASE OF PENSIONS (GENERAL) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946, DATED 4TH MAY, 1946, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 3 (5) OF THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1944.

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The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, in pursuance of its powers under sub-section (5) of Section 3 of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland), 1944, (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) In these Regulations "The Principal Regulations" means the Increase of Pensions (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1944 (**a**).

(2) These Regulations shall be construed as one with the Principal Regulations.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1921 (**b**), applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

(**a**) S. R. & O. 1944 (No. 73) (**b**) 12 Geo. 5, c. 4. (N.I.)

2. Paragraph (2) of Regulation 7 of the Principal Regulations (which specifies the period for which an increase of pension shall remain in force) shall have effect and shall be deemed always to have had effect as if for the words " the 31st day of December, 1945," there were substituted the words " the 31st day of December, 1946 ".

3.—(1) Where a pensioner who has fulfilled the prescribed conditions for any period after the 31st day of December, 1943, dies (whether before or after the date of these Regulations) and at the time of his death a grant of the increase of pension for which he was eligible under the Act had not been made to him or an adjustment of increase already granted was outstanding the Pension Authority shall, for the purposes of the grant of an increase or an adjustment thereof up to the time of his death, accept, in place of the application declaration and evidence which was, or might have been, required from the deceased pensioner under the Principal Regulations, an application or declaration made or evidence produced on the deceased pensioner's behalf by his legal personal representative or by any person from whom the Pension Authority may obtain a discharge for payment of the increase.

(2) Where any dependant of a pensioner dies (whether before or after the date of these Regulations) without having made the declaration or produced the evidence required of him under the Principal Regulations, the Pension Authority shall, for the purposes of the grant of an increase to the pensioner or an adjustment thereof, accept, in place of such declaration or evidence, a declaration made or evidence produced by the legal personal representative of the dependant or by any other person who appears to the Authority a proper person to represent the deceased dependant.

(3) Any declaration made on behalf of a deceased pensioner or dependant under these Regulations, other than as to the amounts of income, shall be made by reference to the circumstances existing at the date of death.

4.—(1) Where a pensioner and his wife, or her husband, are living apart then if—

(*a*) the pensioner gives notice in writing to the Pension Authority electing that they shall be treated as unmarried persons, for the purposes of the Act, and

(*b*) it appears to the Pension Authority

(i) that the separation has continued for not less than twelve months and is likely to be permanent ; and

(ii) that the pensioner's wife or husband either is not in receipt of a pension which may be increased under the Act or, if in receipt of such a pension, is willing, as regards the increase of her or his pension, to be treated in accordance with this Regulation as unmarried for the purposes of the Act they shall, subject