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REGULATIONS, DATED THE 7TH DAY OF MARCH, 1946, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

Short Title and Interpretation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1946.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

(*a*) " The Act " means the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 ;
(*b*) " The Ministry " means the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland ;
(*c*) " The Authority " means the Northern Ireland Tuberculosis Authority ;
(*d*) " council " means the council of a county or of a county borough ;
(*e*) " financial year " means the period of twelve months ending on the thirty-first day of March.

3. The Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

PROCEDURE OF AUTHORITY

Meetings to be held

4.—(1) The time and place of holding of the first meeting of the Authority shall be fixed by the Ministry and arrangements shall be

made by the Ministry for the summoning to such meeting of all persons nominated to be the first members of the Authority.

(2) Subsequent to the holding of the first meeting of the Authority there shall be held in each year thereafter a meeting to be known as the annual meeting of the Authority.

(3) The Authority shall, for the proper execution of their functions under the Act, hold ordinary meetings at least once in each month on such date and at such time as they may by standing order determine, and they may also hold special meetings.

Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

5. At the first meeting and at the annual meeting the Authority shall appoint one of their members to be Chairman and another to be Vice-Chairman until the next annual meeting, when, and at every subsequent annual meeting, the Authority shall in like manner appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year ; and in case the Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall die, or resign, or cease to be a member of the Authority, the members present at the meeting held next after the occurrence of such vacancy shall choose some other member of the Authority to fill such vacancy, and the Chairman or Vice-Chairman so elected shall continue in office only so long as the person in whose place he was elected would have been entitled to continue as Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

Calling Meetings and Summons to Attend

6.—(1) The Chairman may at any time call a special meeting of the Authority.

(2) If the Chairman refuses to call a special meeting after a requisition for that purpose, signed by six members of the Authority, has been presented to him, any six members of the Authority may forthwith, on that refusal, call a special meeting. If the Chairman (without so refusing) does not within seven days after such presentation call a special meeting, any six members of the Authority may, on the expiration of those seven days, call a special meeting.

7. Three clear days at least before any meeting of the Authority, a summons to attend the meeting, specifying the business proposed to be transacted thereat, and signed by the Secretary of the Authority or by some person authorised by the Authority to act in his stead in that behalf, shall be left, or sent in a prepaid letter addressed to him, at the usual place of abode of each member of the Authority.

Conduct of Business at Meetings

8. At every meeting of the Authority the Chairman, if present, shall be chairman. If the Chairman is absent, then the Vice-Chairman shall be chairman. If both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are absent,

then such member of the Authority as the members then present choose shall be chairman.

9.—(1) All acts of the Authority, and all questions coming or arising before the Authority may be done and decided by the majority of such members of the Authority as are present and vote at a meeting of the Authority, the whole number present at the meeting, whether voting or not, not being less than nine, which number shall be the quorum of the Authority.

(2) Such majority as aforesaid shall be determined either by a show of hands or by voices, unless a division is demanded by not less than three members present.

(3) In case of equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote, provided that when there shall be an equality of votes at the election of Chairman or Vice-Chairman or chairman of a meeting, it shall be determined by lot which of the persons receiving an equal number of votes shall be Chairman or Vice-Chairman or chairman of the meeting, as the case may be.

Minutes of Proceedings

10.—(1) Minutes of the proceedings of every meeting of the Authority shall be drawn up and shall record a true account of all matters and things discussed by the Authority and all acts done by them at such meeting.

(2) Minutes drawn up as aforesaid shall include :—

(*a*) copies of the minutes of every meeting of every committee of the Authority ;

(*b*) copies of any reports made or submitted by the Director of Tuberculosis Services and by the Secretary ;

(*c*) details of all books and accounts produced and examined ;

(*d*) details of all appointments made by the Authority and the terms of such appointments ; and

(*e*) references to all communications received from the Ministry, including reports by the inspectors of the Ministry and the designated local government auditor ;

and all directions given by the Authority thereon.

(3) The names of the members present at a meeting shall be recorded in the minutes of that meeting and in every case where a division is taken the names of those voting for, voting against, or abstaining from voting on, the question shall be separately recorded.

(4) Minutes shall be signed at the same or the next ensuing ordinary meeting by the Chairman or the member of the Authority presiding as chairman at the meeting at which the minutes are signed.

(5) Copies of the minutes of proceedings of every meeting of the Authority shall be furnished to the Ministry as soon as possible after