Minister of Labour may by order appoint, and that different days may be appointed for different purposes and for different provisions of the Act;

AND WHEREAS by the Family Allowances (Appointed Days) Order, (Northern Ireland), 1945, made on the 21st day of December, 1945, certain of the provisions of the Act were brought into force on that date for the purposes specified in the schedule to the said Order:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Right Honourable WILLIAM BRIAN MAGINESS, Minister of Labour for Northern Ireland, hereby make the following further Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Family Allowances (Appointed Days) Order (Northern Ireland), 1946.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

2.—(1) The whole of the provisions of the Act, other than section 1 thereof, shall, in so far as they are not already in force by virtue of the said Family Allowances (Appointed Days) Order (Northern Ireland), 1945, come into force for all purposes on the 1st day of April, 1946.

(2) Section 1 of the Act shall come into force for all purposes on the 6th day of August, 1946.

Given under my hand at Stormont this 25th day of March, 1946.

Brian Maginess,
Minister of Labour for Northern Ireland.

Making of Claims and Payments

REGULATIONS, DATED 7TH MARCH, 1946, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER THE FAMILY ALLOWANCES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1945.

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The Ministry of Labour, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Family Allowances Act (Northern Ireland), 1945, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance so far as relates to matters with respect to which the Ministry of Finance has so directed, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation.

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Family Allowances (Making of Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1946, and shall come into force on the first date on which, by virtue of orders made by the Minister of Labour under subsection (1) of section

26 of the Family Allowances Act (Northern Ireland), 1945, the whole of the provisions of that Act other than section 1 are in force.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

" the Act " means the Family Allowances Act (Northern Ireland), 1945 ;

" allowance " means an allowance under the Act ;

" paying office " means such place as the Ministry may designate for the payment of allowances ;

" the appropriate paying office " means such paying office as the Ministry may, on the request of a person to whom an allowance belongs or (where an order has been made under subsection (3) of section 4 of the Act) by whom sums on account of an allowance are receivable, or of a person appointed under regulation 12 to act on behalf of any such person, from time to time determine ;

" award or decision " includes any award or decision as revised by the Ministry ;

" claim " means a claim for or in respect of an allowance ;

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland ;

" week " means a period of seven days commencing from midnight between Monday and Tuesday.

(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.

Manner in which claims may be made.

2.—(1) (*a*) Every claim shall be made to the Ministry in writing in a form approved by the Ministry for the purpose containing the several particulars indicated therein or required thereby for the proper determination of the claim and in accordance with the instructions contained therein and shall be sent by post or delivered to the Ministry or to such officer or person as the Ministry may appoint.

(*b*) Forms of claim shall be supplied free on demand by every officer or person whom the Ministry may appoint for that purpose except in any such case or class of cases as the Ministry may determine, when they shall be supplied free on demand by the Ministry or in such other manner as the Ministry may decide.

(*c*) If, owing to the absence of due signature or of due certification or of both, a claim fails to fulfil the requirements of sub-paragraph (*a*) of this paragraph at the date of receipt by the Ministry or by any officer or person appointed by the Ministry, the Ministry may, provided that the form of claim is returned duly signed and certified within one month of the date on which it is received for completion by the person making the claim, nevertheless treat the claim as valid as from the date on which it would have been valid if the claim had originally fulfilled the requirements of sub-paragraph (*a*) of this paragraph.

(*d*) Where a claim has been made on a form approved by the Ministry for certain purposes of the Act, but that form is not the form appropriate to the claim, the Ministry may treat the claim as if it had been made on the appropriate form :

Provided that the Ministry may require the person making the claim to complete the appropriate form, without prejudice to its being able, if it thinks fit, to treat the claim as made on the date on which the claim on the form other than the appropriate form was made.

(2) Where a claim has been made in accordance with paragraph (1) of this regulation, save that certain particulars have been either wrongly stated in or omitted from the form of claim, the Ministry may in its discretion, provided it has not made its award or given its decision, allow the person making the claim to amend the claim or supply the particulars, as the case may be, by notice in writing sent by post or delivered to the Ministry or to such officer or person as the Ministry may appoint, and in such cases the Ministry may treat the claim as valid as from the date on which it would have been valid if the claim had originally fulfilled the requirements of paragraph (1) of this regulation.

(3)—(*a*) Where a person who is absent from Northern Ireland makes a claim on the appropriate form, the date of the posting of the claim shall be treated as the date on which the claim was made.

(*b*) Where such a person in the first instance makes a claim in writing otherwise than on the appropriate form, the date of the posting of such claim in writing shall be treated as the date on which the claim was made, provided that a claim on the appropriate form is duly completed and posted or despatched to the Ministry, or to such officer or person as the Ministry may appoint for the purpose, within one month from the date on which the form is received for completion by the person making the claim.

Information in support of claim.

3. Every person claiming an allowance (including any person appointed to act on his behalf under regulation 12) shall furnish such certificates and other documents and information as the Ministry may require in connection with the claim.

Notice of award.

4. The Ministry shall cause notice in writing of its award or decision in respect of an allowance to be sent or delivered to the person making the claim and any such notice shall be treated as duly sent to such person if sent to him by post at his usual or last known place of abode.

Awards before the coming into force of section 1 of the Act.

5. Claims may be made and disposed of and allowances may be awarded before the coming into force of section 1 of the Act.

Payment of sums as on account of an allowance pending final determination.

6. Where a claim for an allowance has been duly made or any question as to an allowance has been referred and the claim or question has not been finally determined, the Ministry may, if it has prima facie grounds for believing that an allowance should be awarded but desires to obtain further information or to inspect any documents before making