Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 25th day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-two.

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CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS.

Voluntary Contributors.

REGULATIONS, DATED 18TH MARCH, 1942, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1936 TO 1941.

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The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, acting jointly in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 to 1941, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1942, and shall, except where otherwise expressly provided, be deemed to have had effect as from the 3rd January, 1938.

(2) These regulations shall be read as one with the Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1938, as amended by the Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1938 (hereinafter referred to as " the principal regulations ").

(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.

2.—The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (2) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations :—

" (2) Sub-section (2) shall apply, subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (9) of this regulation and of regulation 9, as if for the second paragraph thereof there were substituted the following provisions :—

(*a*) The said period shall, for the purposes of widows' and orphans' pensions, be the period comprising the contribution

year which ended on the 4th July, 1926, or the contribution year in which the contributor entered into insurance under the principal Act for the purposes of widows' and orphans' pensions, whichever is the later, and each subsequent contribution year down to and including the contribution year immediately preceding the date on which he dies, or, if he dies after attaining the age of 65, down to and including the contribution year immediately preceding the date on which he attains the age of 65 :

Provided that the contribution year immediately preceding the date on which he dies or the date on which he attains the age of 65 if he dies in the contribution year in which he attains that age, as the case may be, shall not be included in the said period if the number of contributions paid, and deemed to have been paid, by him in respect of that year is less than the average number of paid and deemed contributions per contribution year over the said period excluding the said contribution year.

(*b*) (i) The said period shall, for the purposes of old age pensions, be the period comprising the contribution year which ended on the 4th July, 1926, or the contribution year in which the contributor entered into insurance under the principal Act for the purposes of old age pensions, whichever is the later, and each subsequent contribution year down to and including the contribution year immediately preceding the date on which he attains the age of 65, or, being a woman, the date on which she attains the age of 60, or, if she attained that age before the 1st July, 1940, the 3rd July, 1939 :

Provided that, if a person who has entered into insurance under the principal Act for the purposes of old age pensions within five years of attaining the age of 65, or, being a woman, the age of 60, or, if she attained that age before 1st July, 1940, within five years of that date is or becomes a voluntary contributor, the last contribution year in the said period shall be the contribution year immediately preceding the completion of five years insurance for the purposes of old age pensions instead of the contribution year immediately preceding the date on which he attains the age of 65, or, being a woman, the age of 60, or the 3rd July, 1939, as the case may be.

(ii) The provisions of this sub-paragraph shall, in relation to women, be deemed to have had effect as from the 1st July, 1940."

3.—The following provision shall be substituted for sub-paragraph (*b*) (i) of paragraph (6) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations, but

only in relation to a person who becomes a voluntary contributor on or after the 31st December, 1940 :—

"(i) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (ii) of this paragraph, fifty contributions shall be deemed to have been paid for every contribution year in the period comprising the contribution year which ended on the 4th July, 1926, or the contribution year in which the contributor entered into insurance under the principal Act, whichever is the later, and each subsequent contribution year down to and including the contribution year immediately preceding that in which he became a voluntary contributor, and, in addition, a contribution shall be deemed to have been paid in respect of each week thereafter down to and including the week in which he ceased to have a normal occupation of employment in respect of which he was required to be insured under the principal Act, or down to and including the week immediately preceding that in which he became a voluntary contributor, whichever is the earlier ; and any contributions which have been paid, or apart from this sub-section deemed to have been paid, in respect of the periods in question shall be disregarded."

4.—(1) In regulation 8 of the principal regulations the words " or, being a woman, the sixtieth anniversary of her birth, or, if she attained the age of sixty before the 1st July, 1940, the 1st July, 1940," shall be added after the word " birth."

(2) The following regulation shall be inserted after regulation 8 of the principal regulations :—

" 8A.—(1) In the application of paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Fourth Schedule to the 1937 Act to voluntary contributors under the principal Act other than special voluntary contributors—

(*a*) the word " sixty " shall be substituted for the words " sixty-five " in both places where they occur in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph 3 and in paragraph 4 ; and

(*b*) the words " and also to his wife if she has then attained the age of 60 or thereafter if and when she attains that age " shall be substituted for the words "and when both he and his wife have attained that age an old age pension shall be payable also to his wife " in sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph 3.

(2) This regulation shall be deemed to have had effect as from the 1st July, 1940."

5.—The following words shall be inserted at the beginning of paragraph (3) of regulation 10 of the principal regulations :—

" Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (4) of this regulation."