SCHEDULE.

Section of the Act.	Subject Matter.	Power to be exercised by Joint Committee jointly with the Ministry.
8 (1)	Adaptation of the Pensions Acts to war time conditions.	Power to make regulations with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, modifying or suspending the operation of provisions of the Pensions Acts.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 29th day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-one.

(L.S.) *W. Allen,*
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee consents to these regulations.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 29th day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-one.

(L.S.) *H. N. Howorth,*
Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Supplementary Pensions.

Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs.

REGULATIONS, DATED 26TH MAY, 1941, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR UNDER SECTION 33 (3) OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1934, AS APPLIED BY PART II OF THE OLD AGE AND WIDOWS' PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1940.

1941. No. 119.

WHEREAS the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") in pursuance of the powers conferred on it by Section 33 of the Unemployment Assistance Act (Northern Ireland) 1934, as that section is applied with respect to the functions of the Assistance Board for Northern Ireland by Part II of the Old Age and Widows' Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1940 (hereinafter

referred to as the Act), duly made for the purposes of Part II of the Act, the Supplementary Pensions (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1940.

AND WHEREAS by reason of the Determination of Needs Act (Northern Ireland), 1941, it is necessary to amend the said Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry, after consideration of draft Regulations prepared and submitted to the Minister of Labour for Northern Ireland by the Assistance Board for Northern Ireland, by virtue of the powers conferred on it by the Act and of all other powers in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Supplementary Pensions, (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1941, and shall come into force in relation to pensioners of any class on the first day after the second day of June, 1941, prescribed as the day of the week for the payment of supplementary pensions to pensioners of that class.

(2) These Regulations and the Supplementary Pensions (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) Regulations, (Northern Ireland), 1940 (hereinafter referred to as " the Principal Regulations ") shall be construed and may be cited together as the Supplementary Pensions (Determination of Need and Assessment of Needs) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1940 and 1941.

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

2.—(1)—(*a*) So much of paragraph 1 of Part I of the Second Schedule to the Principal Regulations as requires the resources of other members of the household to be aggregated with those of the applicant shall apply as respects only the resources of the husband or wife of the applicant and of any member of the household dependent on the applicant, and accordingly for the words " all the other members of the household of which he is a member " in the first and second lines of the said paragraph there shall be substituted the words " the husband or wife of the applicant being a member of the same household as the applicant and of any member of the household dependent on the applicant."

(*b*) The following sub-paragraph shall be inserted after sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 1 of Part I of the Second Schedule to the Principal Regulations :—

" (1*a*) Where the applicant is the householder or the husband or wife of the householder, the resources of the applicant shall, unless exceptional circumstances are shown, be deemed to include a contribution towards the expenses of his household

from each member of the household who is not a dependent member of 7s. a week or such less amount as having regard to the member's circumstances and personal responsibilities is reasonable : so, however, that where it appears that a member's resources consist solely of earnings of less than 55s. a week, the contribution from that member so deemed to be included shall not exceed the following amount, that is to say, where the earnings are less than 55s. a week but more than 30s. a week—5s. a week ; where the earnings do not exceed 30s. a week but are more than 20s. a week—2s. 6d. a week : and where the earnings do not exceed 20s. a week he shall not be deemed to make any contribution.

In computing the earnings of a member for the purposes of this sub-paragraph, there shall be excluded any remuneration which, if it were the remuneration of a householder, would be excluded in computing the weekly income of the householder under the provisions of Regulation 3 of these Regulations."

(2) The following sub-paragraph shall be inserted after sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 1 of Part I of the Second Schedule to the Principal Regulations :—

" (3*a*) The amount of any war savings and any income receivable therefrom required to be disregarded by Section 3 of the Determination of Needs Act, (Northern Ireland), 1941, shall be disregarded."

3.—The following proviso and new paragraph shall be added at the end of Regulation 3 of the Principal Regulations :—

"Provided that where an applicant is living as a member of a household of which his father or mother, son or daughter is the householder and there are no members of the household dependent on the applicant and the householder's income calculated in accordance with paragraph (2) of this Regulation is of the amount therein specified as the appropriate amount the needs of the applicant shall, unless exceptional circumstances are shown, be deemed not to include the need of making contributions towards the cost of his board and lodging or the other expenses of the household and in such a case or in any case where an applicant is not in fact required to make a substantial contribution towards the cost of his board and lodging the applicant shall, unless exceptional circumstances are shown, be deemed not to be in need of a supplementary pension.

(2)—(*a*) The appropriate amount of income for the purpose of the Proviso to paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall, subject as hereinafter provided, be £6 a week or more :

Provided that if in any case there are special circumstances the sum of £6 shall be increased by such amount as is reasonable in the circumstances and in particular if two or more