Medical: Examination of Young Persons.

ORDER, DATED 10TH DAY OF MAY, 1939, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR UNDER SECTION 103 AND 132 OF THE FACTORIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1938.

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The Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland (in this Order referred to as " the Ministry "), in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by Sections 103 and 132 of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland), 1938, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order :—

1.—The period after the expiration of which a young person who has not attained the age of sixteen and is taken into employment in a factory shall not remain in that employment unless he has been examined by the examining surgeon and certified by him to be fit for that employment shall be the period of fourteen days.

2.—Except where otherwise authorised or directed in writing by the chief inspector, every examination under Section 103 of the Act shall be conducted at the factory at which the young person is employed or, if not more than three young persons under sixteen years of age are employed at that factory, at a place approved by the Ministry for the purpose.

3.—Within seven days after the taking of a young person into any employment in respect of which a certificate of fitness is required under Section 103, the occupier of the factory shall, unless he intends that such employment shall not continue beyond fourteen days, send notice thereof in writing to the examining surgeon.

It shall also be the duty of the occupier to notify the examining surgeon in writing when he desires any re-examination of the young person for the purpose of compliance with a condition attached to a certificate of fitness.

4.—The occupier of the factory shall provide for the purpose of examinations under Section 103 conducted at the factory (for the exclusive use of the examining surgeon on the occasion of an examination) a room which shall be properly cleaned and adequately warmed and lighted, and furnished with a screen, a table (with writing materials) and chairs.

5.—The occupier of the factory shall afford to the examining surgeon facilities to inspect any process in which a young person requiring to be examined or re-examined under Section 103 is to be employed.

6.—The occupier of the factory shall, for the use of the examining surgeon, fill in, in the case of each young person, on a record card Form N.I. 71 to be kept by the examining surgeon in such form and for such period as the Ministry may direct, the following particulars, namely,