Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 18th day of May, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-eight, in the presence of—

(L.S.) A. ROBINSON,
Assistant Secretary.

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NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE AND CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS (COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1938, DATED DECEMBER 24, 1938, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND ACTING JOINTLY, UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT, 1936, AND THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1936 AND 1937.

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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 National Health Insurance Act, 1936, and the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Acts (Northern Ireland), 1936 and 1937, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations :—

PART I.

General.

Short title and commencement.

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1938.

(2) These regulations other than regulation 20 and Part II of the Second Schedule shall be deemed to have had effect as from the third day of January, 1938.

(3) Regulation 20 of and Part II of the Second Schedule to these regulations shall have effect as from the second day of January, 1939.

Interpretation.

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

" the Insurance Act " means the National Health Insurance Act, 1936(a), as amended by any subsequent enactment;

" the Act of 1937 " means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions (Voluntary Contributors) Act (Northern Ireland), 1937(b);

" the Pensions Act " means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1936 (c), as amended by the Act of 1937;

" the Arrears Regulations " means the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Regulations, 1937(d), or any regulations amending or made in substitution for those regulations for the time being in force;

" arrears " in relation to payment thereof means the contributions or sums payable to avoid reduction or suspension of benefit in respect of arrears to be made under the Arrears Regulations;

" the Joint Committee " means the National Health Insurance Joint Committee;

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

" society " means any society approved for the purposes of the Insurance Act, and includes a branch of a society;

" employment " means employment within the meaning of the Insurance Act, and " employed," " employing," " unemployed " and " unemployment " have the corresponding meanings;

(a) 26 Geo. 5 and 1 Edw. 8, c 32. (b) 1 Edw. 8 and 1 Geo. 6, c. 23.
(c) 26 Geo. 5 and 1 Edw. 8, c. 32 (N.I.). (d) S. R. & O. 1937, No. 1023.

" card " means a card (other than a record card) issued under these regulations or other regulations in force at the time of the issue of the card, or, where the circumstances so require, under the corresponding regulations for England and Wales or Scotland; and " proper card " in relation to any insured or exempt person means such a card as is appropriate to the circumstances of the case of that person;

" stamp " means a stamp issued under section 22 of the Insurance Act for the purposes of that Act or the Pensions Act;

" week " means a contribution week;

" period of currency " means the period during which any card is current;

" employment exchange " means any office appointed by the Ministry as a local office for the purposes of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1936.

(2) For the purposes of these regulations, separate periods of employment in the service of one employer with intervening periods of employment in the service of another employer shall be deemed to be separate employments.

(3) For the purposes of the payment and collection of contributions which are payable under the Pensions Act as well as under the Insurance Act, or under the Pensions Act alone, the provisions of these regulations shall, subject as herein provided and to such conditons as may be otherwise prescribed with respect to special classes of insured persons, apply as if, in either case, the contributions were contributions under the Insurance Act.

(4) In these regulations (other than the provisions hereof with respect to arrears, record cards and benefit records) references to the Insurance Act or to provisions of the Insurance Act shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as including references to the Pensions Act or to the corresponding provisions of the Pensions Act.

(5) The Interpretation Act, 1921,(a) applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Saving as to persons in the service of the Crown, &c.

3.—These regulations shall not, unless otherwise expressed, apply—

(*a*) to persons employed in the naval or military service of the Crown, or in the Air Force, who are required to be insured in respect of such service; or

(*b*) to masters, seamen, or apprentices to the sea service or to the sea-fishing service who are required to be insured in respect of such employment; or

(*c*) as respects payment of contributions under any regulations made with regard to war occupations.

(a) 12 Geo. 5, c. 4.

Revocation of previous Regulations.

4.—The regulations set out in the First Schedule to these regulations are hereby revoked, but without prejudice to anything duly done or suffered, or to any right, privilege, obligation, or liability acquired, accrued, or incurred thereunder:

Provided that

(i) paragraph (2) of regulation 11 of the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1932(*a*), as amended by the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1933(*b*), and the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1934(*c*), shall continue to have effect in so far as may be necessary for the purposes of subsection (2) and subsection (4) of section 17 of the Act of 1937;

(ii) regulation 20 of and Part II of the Third Schedule to the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1932, as amended by the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1933, shall continue to have effect until the first day of January, 1939.

PART II.

Employed Contributors.

Issue of cards.

5.—(1) Every person who becomes an employed contributor shall, upon becoming an employed contributor, apply to the society of which he is a member, or, if he is not a member of a society, to an employment exchange, for the issue to him of a proper card, and the society or employment exchange to which such application is made shall issue a card to him accordingly.

(2) Every society shall on or before the expiration of the period of currency of a card issue to each member being an employed contributor the proper card for the next period of currency.

(3) If an employed contributor being a member of a society has not received a proper card from his society at the beginning of a period of currency he shall make application to his society for a card, and if he does not receive a card before the time when it is required for presentation to his employer as hereinafter provided, he shall make application to an employment exchange for the issue to him of a card, and the employment exchange shall issue a card to him accordingly.

(4) If an employed contributor who is not a member of a society has not received a proper card from the Ministry at the beginning of a period of currency, he shall apply to an employment exchange for the issue to him of a proper card, and the employment exchange shall issue a card to him accordingly.

(a) S. R. & O. of N.I. 1932, No. 105. (b) S. R. & O. of N.I. 1933, No. 68.
(c) S. R. & O. of N.I. 1934, No. 129.