Exempt Persons.

THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (EXEMPT PERSONS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1938, DATED MARCH 7, 1938, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT, 1936.

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The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, acting jointly so far as regards Regulations which the said Joint Committee are empowered to make jointly with the said Ministry, and the said Ministry acting separately so far as regards Regulations which it is empowered to make alone, in exercise of the several powers conferred on them by the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations :—

1.—These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Exempt Persons) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1938.

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

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

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

"certificate of exemption" means a certificate under Section 5 of the Act exempting the person to whom the certificate is granted from liability to be insured under the Act;

"contribution" means a contribution paid under the Act for any period in which the person in respect of whom it is paid is an exempt person;

"employment" means employment within the meaning of the Act, and "employed" has a corresponding meaning;

"insured" means a person insured under the Act.

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

3.—The National Health Insurance (Exempt Persons) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1924, and the National Health Insurance

(Exempt Persons) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1932, 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.

4.—(1) A person applying under paragraph (*d*) of subsection (1) of Section 5 of the Act for a certificate of exemption shall be entitled to such certificate if he proves that, having been continuously an insured person since the commencement of the contribution year next preceding that in which the application is made, he has been employed for less than eighteen weeks in that year.

(2) If, after the end of any contribution year commencing after the date on which a certificate of exemption is granted by virtue of paragraph (*d*) of subsection (1) of Section 5 aforesaid, the Ministry is satisfied that the person holding the certificate of exemption has been employed for twenty-six or more weeks in that contribution year, he shall cease to be entitled to exemption under that provision as from such date as the Ministry may determine.

(3) A person holding a certificate of exemption by virtue of paragraph (*d*) of subsection (1) of Section 5 aforesaid who is not disqualified under the provisions of the last preceding paragraph from remaining an exempt person shall be entitled, upon making application to the Ministry in the manner, within the period, and subject to the conditions specified in Regulations 7, 8 and 9 of these Regulations, to obtain a renewal of such certificate, notwithstanding that at the time of applying for renewal the conditions specified in paragraph (1) of this Regulation may not be satisfied.

(4) An outworker in respect of whom contributions are paid by reference to units of work done shall be treated for the purposes of this Regulation as if he had been employed in any contribution year for a number of weeks equal to the number of contributions paid by his employer or employers in respect of him for that year.

5.—A certificate of exemption shall be in such form as the Ministry may approve, and shall be authenticated in such manner as the Ministry may from time to time determine.

6.—A claim for exemption shall be in such form as the Ministry may determine, and shall be addressed to the Ministry, either directly or through such officer or person as the Ministry may appoint.