the expression " whereby a continuous period of unemployment would begin " shall be omitted, and for the expression " the continuous period of unemployment " there shall be substituted the expression " a continuous period of unemployment."

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this fifteenth day of March, 1937.

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THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (BENEFIT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1937, DATED 30TH JUNE, 1937, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1936 (26 GEO. 5 AND 1 EDW. 8, c. 30).

1937. No. 59.

The Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland by virtue of the powers conferred on it by the following sections of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1936, that is to say, sections 22, 23, 34, 36, 40, 49, 50, 75, 92, 94, 103, 107, 111 and 117, and of all other powers in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

PART I.

General.

Short title, commencement and repeal. 12 Geo. 5, c. 4.

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1937, and shall come into force on the date hereof.

(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 Regulations set out in the First Schedule hereto are hereby revoked, but such revocation shall not affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under those Regulations, nor anything done or to be done thereunder.

Interpretation.

2.—(1) In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say :—

"the Act" means the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1936 ;

"contributor insured under both schemes" means a person who is an insured contributor both in respect of employment in agriculture and otherwise ; and the expression "insured under both schemes" shall be construed accordingly ;

"insured contributor" means a person insured under the general provisions of the Act ;

"local office" means an employment exchange or other office appointed by the Ministry as a local office for the purposes of the Act and of these Regulations ;

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

"regular book" means the Unemployment Book which, under the Statutory Regulations relating to unemployment insurance contributions for the time being in force, a person who is required by the Act to be or to become an insured contributor is required to obtain from a local office of the Ministry.

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in these Regulations to the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1936, shall be construed as a reference to that Act as amended by any order or subsequent enactment.

PART II.

Benefit.

Insured contributors desiring to obtain benefit.

3.—(1) Where an insured contributor desires to obtain benefit he shall—

(*a*) make a claim for benefit in such manner as the Ministry may direct or may for good cause accept as sufficient in any special case ; and

(*b*) lodge his regular book at a local office unless the book is already lodged there ; and

(*c*) furnish such evidence as the Ministry may require that he is not in receipt of sickness or disablement benefit under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936 ; and

(*d*) if required so to do, furnish a certificate of his birth or such other evidence as the Ministry may direct or may for good cause accept as sufficient in any particular case ; and

(*e*) furnish such other evidence as to the fulfilment of the

conditions and the absence of disqualifications for receiving or continuing to receive benefit as the Ministry may require, and shall for that purpose attend such offices or places as the Ministry may require :

Provided that where in any special case the Ministry is satisfied that the insured contributor is unable or has omitted for good cause to lodge his regular book the Ministry may, if it thinks fit, dispense with the lodging of the book under this Regulation.

(2) Where the regular book of an insured contributor is lodged at a local office, the Ministry shall, unless it considers it unnecessary so to do, give notice to the person appearing to it to be the last employer of the insured contributor and request him to furnish information with regard to any matters on which the fulfilment of the conditions or the absence of the disqualifications for receiving benefit depends.

Insured contributors desiring to obtain benefit to attend and sign register.

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of Regulation 14 hereof, an insured contributor desiring to obtain benefit shall as evidence of being unemployed attend at the local office at which he made his last application for benefit or at such other local office as the Ministry may approve in his case on every working day, or on such days as the Ministry for good cause may direct, at such times as the Ministry may direct, and if required to do so shall there sign a register to be kept at the office for the purpose :

Provided that—

(*a*) an insured contributor, residing at a distance of more than two miles, but not more than four miles, from the local office nearest or most convenient to his place of residence, shall be required to attend only on alternate days, or on such fewer days as the Ministry for good cause may direct ; and

(*b*) an insured contributor, residing more than four miles from the local office nearest or most convenient to his place of residence, shall attend at such longer intervals, or furnish such other evidence of being unemployed, as the Ministry may direct.

An insured contributor who, under these Regulations attends less frequently than on every working day may on each attendance sign the register in respect of days on which the terms of the declaration set out on the register were satisfied in his case since his last attendance, as well as in respect of the actual day of attendance.

(2) The Ministry may in any particular case require an insured contributor, notwithstanding that he has duly signed the register in accordance with these Regulations, to furnish further evidence that he was unemployed and not disentitled to benefit on all or any of the days in respect of which he has signed the register.

Payment of benefit by local office.

5. Subject to the foregoing provisions and to any directions of the Ministry, benefit shall be paid at the local office at which the regular book of the insured contributor concerned is lodged, and at weekly intervals on such day or days of the week and at such hours as the Ministry may direct, and subject to any such directions the amount paid on any occasion shall be the amount of benefit due up to and including the day next but one preceding the day on which the payment is made.

Delayed claim for benefit.

6. If on a particular date an insured contributor makes a claim for benefit or proves any matter on such claim, and also proves :—

(*a*) that on a date earlier than the particular date he was in all respects qualified to make the claim, or in a position to furnish proof of the matter ; and

(*b*) that throughout the whole period between the earlier date and the particular date there was good cause for delay in making such claim, or in furnishing such proof,

he shall be treated for all the purposes of the Act as if he had made the claim or proved the matter on the earlier date.

Proof and continuance of first statutory condition.

7. If an insured contributor has at the beginning of his benefit year proved that the first statutory condition is fulfilled in his case then, unless under the provisions of section 33 (2) of the Act he is again required to prove that that condition is fulfilled, he shall for the purpose of any subsequent claim for benefit in that benefit year be treated as though that condition continued to be fulfilled.

8. Where an insured contributor has on a claim for benefit made during a benefit year been required under the provisions of section 33 (2) of the Act to prove and has proved that the first statutory condition is fulfilled in his case, that insured contributor shall thereafter during the remainder of that benefit year be treated as if that condition continued to be so fulfilled.

Period substituted for period in first statutory condition.

9. An insured contributor who desires to prove for the purposes of section 22 (3) of the Act that he was during any periods falling within the period of two years mentioned in the first statutory condition rendered incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or by bodily or mental disablement, shall furnish particulars of such incapacity for work in the following manner :—

(*a*) If he is insured under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, he shall, unless he satisfies the Ministry that he is unable to do so, obtain and forward a certificate in the form set forth in the Second Schedule to these Regulations, signed in the case of a member of an approved society by the secretary or other responsible official of the society, or the secretary of a

branch of the society of which he is a member, and in the case of a person who is not a member of an approved society by an officer of the Ministry, or of the Ministry of Health, or of the Department of Health for Scotland, as the case may be.

(*b*) If he is not insured under the National Health Insurance Act, 1936, or if being so insured he satisfies the Ministry that he is unable to obtain such certificate as aforesaid, he shall furnish particulars in such manner as the Ministry may direct, or may for good cause accept as sufficient in any special case.

10. An insured contributor who desires to prove for the purposes of the said section 22 (3), that he was during any periods falling within the period of two years mentioned in the first statutory condition employed in any excepted employment, shall complete the form set forth in the Third Schedule to these Regulations, or such other form as the Ministry may deem expedient, and shall forward the same to the Ministry in such manner as may from time to time be directed, and for the purpose of such proof as aforesaid he shall state fully and correctly all particulars required to be given in the said form, and furnish such further evidence as the Ministry may in any special case require.

Reckoning of periods of unemployment, and commencement of continuous period of unemployment.

11. For the purposes of section 36 of the Act a period of consecutive days shall be exclusive of Sundays.

12. Where an insured contributor makes an application for benefit, and also proves :—

(*a*) that on a date earlier than the date of such application he was unemployed but rendered incapable of work by reason of some specific disease, or bodily or mental disablement, and

(*b*) that throughout the whole of the period between the earlier date and the date on which the application for benefit was made there was good cause for delay in making such application,

then for the purpose of beginning a continuous period of unemployment the earlier date shall be substituted for the date on which the insured contributor made such application as aforesaid.

13. An earlier date may be substituted for the date of an application for benefit as the commencement of a continuous period of unemployment where the insured contributor proves that if he had made an application for benefit on the earlier date a continuous period of unemployment would, in fact, have been current at the date of the application, so, however, that such earlier date shall be substituted for the date of the application