

(2) In the case of an insured person within the meaning of the Insurance Act, other than a person who elects as aforesaid, contributions which by virtue of the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Amendment Regulations (No. 2), 1923 (S.R. & O. 1923, No. 1567), or Part VI. of the National Health Insurance (Arrears) Regulations, 1924, are treated as having been paid by or in respect of him for the contribution year ending on the 1st day of July, 1923, or the 6th day of July, 1924, shall be deemed for the purposes of the above-mentioned Sections of the Pensions Act to have been paid by or in respect of him.

6. Contributions in respect of an employed person which have not been paid on the due dates shall for the purpose of widows' or orphans' pensions be deemed to have been so paid if they have subsequently been paid or recovered and unless the Minister is satisfied that the employed person habitually neglected to produce a contribution card to his employer in accordance with the Regulations relating to the collection of contributions made under the Insurance Act and for the time being in force.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 29th day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

W. F. Wackrill,

(L.S.)

Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 29th day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

(L.S.)

G. C. Duggan,

Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Finance.

Collection of Contributions for Excepted Persons.

MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, ACTING JOINTLY, AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER SECTION 10 (1) OF THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925.

1925. No. 155.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour, acting jointly, and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sub-section (1) of Section 10 of the Widows', Orphans' and

Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925, and by the Contributory Pensions (Joint Committee) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1925, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions for Excepted Persons) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1925, and shall come into operation on the fourth day of January, 1926.

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

“ The Act ” means the Widows’ Orphans’ and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925.

“ The Ministry ” means the Ministry of Labour.

“ Excepted person ” means a person employed in an excepted employment in respect of which contributions are payable under the Act ;

“ The principal Regulations ” means the National Health Insurance and Contributory Pensions (Collection of Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1924 and 1925 ;

“ Half-year ” means the period (corresponding as nearly as may be to six months) in respect of which contribution cards are issued under the principal Regulations.

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

3. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, the provisions of the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, relating to the payment and collection of contributions and of the principal Regulations (other than those relating to cards, stamps, record cards and benefit records) shall, with the necessary modifications apply to excepted persons as if they were employed contributors and members of Approved Societies.

4.—(1) (a) Where an employer has deposited with the Ministry a sum representing as nearly as may be the total amount of the contributions under the Act payable for thirteen weeks in respect of the excepted persons in his employment, the employer shall pay contributions half-yearly in accordance with the provisions hereinafter contained.

(b) Where no such deposit has been made the employer shall, within four days after the end of each contribution week (other than the last contribution week) in each half-year, pay to the Ministry a sum equal to the total amount of the contributions under the Act which would have been payable during the week

in respect of the excepted persons in his employment, if the provisions of the principal Regulations relating to the time of payment of contributions had been applicable, and such payments shall be treated as payments on account of the total sum payable by the employer for the half-year in respect of contributions under the Act.

(2) Within twenty-one days after the end of each half-year the employer shall send to the Ministry a return for the half-year setting forth fully and correctly the following particulars :—

- (a) The names of the excepted persons in his employment ;
- (b) the rate of contribution payable in respect of each such person ;
- (c) the weeks for which contributions are payable in respect of each such person ;
- (d) the total sum payable in respect of contributions for such persons ; and

(e) such other particulars as the Ministry may determine ; and within the said twenty-one days the employer shall pay to the Ministry the amount of the contributions payable in respect of the excepted persons for the half-year, less the amount of any payments on account thereof made under paragraph (1) (b) of this Article.

(3) The return under this Article shall be in such form as the Ministry may require, and shall be signed by a responsible officer of the employer.

(4) The provisions of Section 9 of the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, relating to the recovery by employers of amounts paid on behalf of employed contributors shall apply as if the contributions had been paid at the time when they would have been payable under the principal Regulations.

5. Where a contribution is payable by an excepted person it shall be paid to the Ministry in such manner as the Ministry may determine.

6. The Ministry may, if in the case of any particular employer it thinks fit and subject to such terms and conditions as it may impose, approve any other arrangement for the payment of contributions in respect of excepted persons, and such arrangements shall have effect as if they were incorporated in and formed part of these regulations.

7. Every employer shall, on demand, furnish to the Ministry such particulars, relating to periods of employment or of sickness or to the superannuation rights of any person who is or has been employed in the excepted employment, as the Ministry may require for the purposes of the Act.

8. Every employer shall keep a register or other record of excepted persons, showing the rate of contribution payable in the case of each such person, and shall, when required by any officer appointed under the National Health Insurance Act, 1924, produce the register or record to the officer.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 31st day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

W. F. Wackrill,

(L.S.) Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour this 31st day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

(L.S.) *H. Conacher,*

Secretary to the Ministry of Labour.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 31st day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

(L.S.) *G. C. Duggan,*

Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Finance.

Exempt and Excepted Persons.

MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTIONS 14 (3), 15 (3), 15 (4) AND 19 (3) OF THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925.

1925. No. 157.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sub-section (3) of Section 14, sub-sections (3) and (4) of Section 15 and sub-section (3) of Section 19 of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925, and by the Contributory Pensions (Joint Committee) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1925, and of all other powers enabling them, and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance so far as regards Regulations which are required to be so made, hereby make the following Regulations :—