

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations amend regulation 2 of the National Assistance (Determination of Need) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1948 (the "principal regulations") by including a reference to the provisions of the Second Schedule to the National Assistance Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, as to the disregarding of assets of an applicant for assistance under that Act.

These Regulations also substitute new provisions for those contained in the Schedule to the principal regulations. They provide for increases in the weekly sums allowed for requirements, other than rent, for the purpose of determining the need of an applicant for assistance.

They provide that the rent allowance for a householder shall be the net rent payable or such part as is reasonable in the circumstances, so that in no case will the former restriction by reference to the level of rents in the locality apply; and they increase the permissible rent allowance for persons who are not householders.

They also provide for an increase in the amount of earnings to be disregarded and vary the method of assessing the contributions towards the expenses of the household which are taken to be made by members of it who are not dependants of the householder.

They make it clear that paragraph 5 of Part I of the Schedule applies only to residential accommodation provided under section 4 or section 7 of the Welfare Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1949; if that accommodation includes board and other services.

All previous amending regulations which are spent are revoked.

1959. No. 114

[NC]

ULSTER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

Abandonment of Railway Lines

AN ORDER FOR ABANDONMENT, DATED 3RD DAY OF JULY, 1959, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTION 58 OF THE TRANSPORT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1948(a), AS AMENDED BY SECTION 28 OF THE TRANSPORT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1958(b).

Whereas by virtue of the Great Northern Railway Act (Northern Ireland), 1953(c), the whole of the undertaking (including the railway undertaking) of the Great Northern Railway Company (Ireland) (other than the land of the Company) was transferred to the Great Northern Railway Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board");

And whereas on the 1st day of October, 1958, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland), 1958, that part of the undertaking of the Board situate within Northern Ireland became vested in the Ulster Transport Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority");

(a) 1948. c. 16.

(b) 1958. c. 15.

(c) 1953. c. 25.

And whereas the transport services on the sections of railway line more particularly described in Article 1 were wholly terminated before the 31st day of December, 1957, and no such services have since been provided thereon;

And whereas the Authority have applied to the Ministry of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") for an Order for Abandonment pursuant to the provisions of Section 58 of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, as amended by Section 28 of the said Act of 1958 authorising the abandonment of the sections of railway line hereinafter mentioned and the Ministry is satisfied that such application should be granted;

Now therefore the Ministry in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 58 of the said Act of 1948 as amended by Section 28 of the said Act of 1958 hereby orders as follows:—

1. That the Authority are hereby authorised to abandon the existing railway lines or sections of railway lines between the following places, that is to say:—

- (a) That section of railway line running from Portadown in the County of Armagh to Glaslough in the Republic of Ireland from a point 517 yards south-west of the public road level crossing at Brownstown, Portadown, to the Northern Ireland border lying south-west of Tynan, in the County of Armagh.
- (b) That section of railway line running from Armagh to Keady both in the County of Armagh.
- (c) That section of railway line running from Omagh in the County of Tyrone to Clones in the Republic of Ireland from a point 770 yards south of the footbridge at Omagh Station, to the Northern Ireland border south-east of Newtownbutler Station in the County of Fermanagh.
- (d) Those two sections of railway line namely that section running from Bundoran Junction in the County of Tyrone to the Northern Ireland border at a point in the County of Fermanagh approximately 300 yards east of Pettigo Station in the Republic of Ireland and that section running from Letter Bridge in the said County of Fermanagh to the Northern Ireland border at Belleek in the said County of Fermanagh in so far as the said two sections lie wholly within Northern Ireland.
- (e) That section of railway line running from Fintona Junction to Fintona both in the County of Tyrone.

2. That this Order may be cited as "The Transport Act (Abandonment of Railway Lines, Counties Armagh, Tyrone and Fermanagh) Order, 1959", and shall come into force on the 3rd day of July, 1959.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 3rd day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, in the presence of

(L.S.)

John F. Irvine,
Assistant Secretary.