opinion that the circumstances were such as to make the provisions inapplicable to that case:

Provided that the provisions of this Article shall not apply in the case of a person who elects to substitute 26 for 39 contributions under proviso (iii) to Section 8 of the Pensions Act.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 27th day of April, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

(L.S.)

W. F. Wackrill,
Secretary to the National Health
Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 27th day of April, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

(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 THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT, (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925.

1927. No. 132.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sub-sections (3) and (4) of Section 15 of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (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 (Exempt and Excepted Persons) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1927, and shall be read as one with the Contributory Pensions (Exempt and Excepted Persons) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1925 (S.R. & O. of N.I., 1925, No. 157), hereinafter called "the principal regulations", and shall be deemed to have had effect as from the 4th day of January, 1926.
- 2. The following Article shall be substituted for Article 4 of the principal Regulations:—
 - 4. For the purposes of the Pensions Act sub-sections (1) and (3) of Section 3 of the Insurance Act as modified and set out in manner following shall apply to persons who, under Section 15 of the Pensions Act, are deemed to be insured:—

- "3.—(1) Where a person who under Section 15 of the Pensions Act is deemed to be insured by reason of being an excepted person ceases to be an excepted person, he shall continue, for a period of 21 months commencing next after the end of the contribution week in which he ceased to be an excepted person, to be deemed to be insured.
- (3) (i) In calculating for the purposes of this Section the said period of 21 months no account shall be taken of any period after the person has attained the age of 70, or, on and after the appointed day of any period after the person has attained the age of 65.
- (ii) In calculating for the purposes of this Section the first 12 months of the period of 21 months no account shall be taken—
 - (a) of any period during which the person who has ceased to be an excepted person is proved to the satisfaction of the Ministry to have been rendered incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or by bodily or mental disablement of which notice is given to the Ministry before the expiration of either (i) six weeks after the end of the incapacity, or (ii) a period of three months from the date on which he would, had it not been for such incapacity have ceased to be deemed to be insured, whichever shall first expire; or
 - (b) in the case of a woman of the period of four weeks after her confinement."
- 3. The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (3) of Article 5 of the principal Regulations:—
 - "(3) For the purposes of the foregoing provisions the period before the commencement of the Pensions Act shall be a period of twenty-one months:

Provided that:-

- (i) in calculating the said period of twenty-one months no account shall be taken of any period after the person has attained the age of seventy.
- (ii) in calculating the first twelve months of the said period of twenty-one months no account shall be taken—
 - (a) of any period during which the person who has ceased to be an excepted person is proved to the satisfaction of the Ministry to have been rendered incapable of work by reason of some specific disease or by bodily or mental disablement; or
 - (b) in the case of a woman of the period of four weeks after her confinement,"

Given under the Official Scal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 30th day of November, in the year One thousand nine hundred and twentyseven.

(L.S.)

H. W. Vaughan Williams,
Secretary to the National Health
Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 30th day of November, in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

(L.S.)

G. C. Duggan,
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of
Finance.

Claims and Payment.

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

1927. No. 115.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour, acting jointly so far as regards Regulations which the said Joint Committee is empowered to make jointly with the said Ministry, and acting separately so far as regards Regulations which the said Joint Committee or Ministry are empowered to make alone, and in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance so far as regards Regulations which are required to be so made, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the proviso to sub-section (1) of Section 28, and sub-section (1) of Section 30 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:—

Short title and commencement.

1 These Regulations may be cited as the Contributory Pensions (Claims and Payment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1927, and, save as otherwise expressly provided, shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 2nd day of July, 1926.

Interpretation. 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 (15 & 16 Geo. 5, c. 23);