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# NATIONAL INSURANCE

# **Collection of Graduated Contributions**

REGULATIONS, DATED 24TH JANUARY 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF INLAND REVENUE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance so far as relates to matters with regard to which the Ministry of Finance has so directed, and with the concurrence of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 11(3), 13(1), 14, 58(9), 73(2) and 91(10) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations being regulations subject to negative resolution in accordance with section 101(3) of that Act:

#### Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Collection of Graduated Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1972.

# Collection and recovery of graduated contributions

2.--(1) Subject to the provisions of regulation 3, graduated contributions shall be paid, accounted for and recovered in like manner as and with income tax deducted from the emoluments of an office or employment by virtue of regulations under section 204 (pay as you earn) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970(b); and accordingly the provisions contained in Schedules 1 and 2 (which, with extensions and modifications, are the provisions respectively of the Income Tax (Employments) Regulations 1965(c) and of the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 6) (Seamen) Regulations 1970(d)) shall apply to and for the purpose of graduated contributions.

- (2) (a) In Schedule 1 the expression "these Regulations" means the Income Tax (Employments) Regulations 1965, with extensions and modifications as aforesaid.
- (b) In Schedule 2 the expression "the 1965 Regulations" means the Income Tax (Employments) Regulations 1965 as set out in Schedule 1; and the expression "these Regulations" means the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 6) (Seamen) Regulations 1970, with extensions and modifications as aforesaid.

# Direct collection and recovery of graduated contributions

3. The Ministry may, if it thinks fit, and subject to such terms and conditions as it may impose, authorise any arrangements whereby graduated contributions are paid at times, or in a manner, other than those prescribed by regulation 2(1); and the provisions of that paragraph shall be without prejudice to any remedy otherwise available for the recovery of graduated contributions.

- (b) 1970. c. 10. (c) S.I. 1965/516 as amended by S.I. 1966/1373, 1969/170, 1969/688, 1970/666 and 1970/1142.
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<sup>(</sup>a) 1966. c. 6 (N.I.).

<sup>(</sup>d) S.I. 1970/1142.

Payments in lieu of contributions

4. Payments in lieu of contributions under section 57 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 shall be made to the Ministry.

# Information as to non-participating employment

5.—(1) The Ministry or a Collector may at any time direct an employer to furnish, in such form as may be specified in the direction, such information in respect of all or any employees who are or have been employed by him in a non-participating employment as may be reasonably required for the purpose of ascertaining whether graduated contributions are or were payable in respect of any payments made to them; and the employer shall furnish such information within fourteen days of being so directed.

(2) In this regulation expressions specifically defined in the Schedules have the meanings there attributed to them.

# Revocation of regulations

6. The National Insurance (Collection of Graduated Contributions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960(e) and the National Insurance (Collection of Graduated Contributions) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1962(f) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 24th day of January 1972.

(L.S.)

C. G. Oakes.

Assistant Secretary

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 24th day of January 1972.

(L.S.)

C. F. Darling,

Assistant Secretary.

The Commissioners of Inland Revenue hereby concur.

By Order of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue this 27th day of January 1972.

(L.S.)

A. H. Dalton, Secretary.

(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 115.

(f) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962, No. 191.

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#### SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2

Containing the provisions of the Income Tax (Employments) Regulations 1965 as they apply to Graduated Contributions

#### PART I. GENERAL

#### Interpretation

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

"the Act" means the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(g);

"aggregated" means aggregated and treated as a single payment, under section 4(3) of the Act;

"Collector" means a Collector of Taxes;

"deduction card" means a deduction card in the form prescribed or approved by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue or such other document as may be authorised by those Commissioners as a deduction card;

"emoluments" means all income assessable to income tax under Schedule E (other than pensions), and references to payments of emoluments include references to payments on account of emoluments;

"employee" means any person in receipt of emoluments;

"employer" means any person paying emoluments;

"graduated contributions" has the same meaning as in the Act;

"income tax month" means the period beginning on the 6th day of any calendar month and ending on the 5th day of the following calendar month;

"Inspector" means an Inspector of Taxes;

"year" means the income tax year of assessment;

other expressions have the same meaning as in the Income Tax Acts.

#### Intermediate employers

3.-(1) Where an employee works under the general control and management of a person who is not his immediate employer, that person (referred to in this Regulation as "the principal employer") shall be deemed to be the employer for the purpose of these Regulations, and the immediate employer shall furnish the principal employer with such particulars of the employee's emoluments as may be necessary to enable the principal employer to comply with the provisions of these Regulations.

(2) If the employee's emoluments are actually paid to him by the immediate employer—

- (a) the immediate employer shall be notified by the principal employer of the amount of graduated contributions which may be deducted when the emoluments are paid to the employee, and may deduct the amount so notified to him accordingly; and
- (b) the principal employer may make a corresponding deduction on making to the immediate employer the payment out of which the said emoluments will be paid.

#### Employers' graduated contributions

3A. If under these Regulations a person is required to pay any graduated contributions which, under section 4(1)(b) of the Act, another person is liable to pay, his payment thereof shall be made as agent for that other person.

#### Inspectors and Collectors

4A. Any legal proceedings or administrative act authorised by or done for the purposes of these Regulations and begun by one Inspector or Collector may be continued by another Inspector or, as the case may be, another Collector; and any Inspector or Collector may act for any division or other area.

(g) 1966, c. 6 (N.I.),

#### Service by post

5. Any notice or deduction card which is authorised or required to be given, served or issued under these Regulations may be sent by post.

## PARTS II AND III. DEDUCTION OF GRADUATED CONTRIBUTIONS

# Deduction of graduated contributions

6.—(1) Every employer, on making any payment of emoluments during any year to any employee in respect of whom he holds a deduction card for that year, may deduct graduated contributions in accordance with these Regulations.

(2) An employer shall not be entitled to recover any graduated contributions paid or to be paid by him on behalf of any employee otherwise than by deduction in accordance with these Regulations.

#### Calculation of deduction

13.—(1) On the occasion of any payment of emoluments to the employee, the employer may deduct the amount of the graduated contributions based thereon which the employee is liable to pay under section 4(1)(a) of the Act from the emoluments on making the payment in question:

Provided that where 2 or more payments of emoluments fall to be aggregated the employer may deduct the amount of the graduated contributions based thereon which are payable by the employee either wholly from one such payment or partly from one and partly from the other or any one or more of the others.

(1A) If by reason of an error made in good faith the employer on making any payment of emoluments to an employee fails to deduct therefrom the full amount of graduated contributions which by virtue of these Regulations he is entitled to deduct, he may recover the amount so underdeducted by deduction from any subsequent payment of emoluments to that employee during the same year:

Provided that-

- (a) the amount which may be deducted by virtue of the provisions of this paragraph from any payment, or from any payments which fall to be aggregated, shall be in addition to but shall not exceed the amount deductible therefrom under the other provisions of these Regulations; and
- (b) for the purposes of Part IV of these Regulations an additional amount which may be deducted by virtue of the provisions of this paragraph shall be treated as an amount deductible under these Regulations only in so far as the amount of the corresponding underdeduction has not been so treated.

(6) The employer shall record, either on the deduction card or in such other form as may be authorised by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, the following particulars regarding every payment of emoluments which he makes to the employee, namely—

- (a) the date of the payment;
- (b) the gross amount of the emoluments; and
- (c) the amount of graduated contributions which may be deducted from the emoluments otherwise than under paragraph (1A) of this Regulation:

Provided that where 2 or more payments fall to be aggregated, the employer, instead of recording the amount of graduated contributions which may be deducted from the emoluments comprised in each such payment, may record the total amount of the graduated contributions which may be deducted from those payments.

#### Employee for whom deduction card not held

19.—(1) If the employer makes any payment of emoluments to an employee in respect of whom he does not hold a deduction card and that payment is a payment of emoluments in respect of which graduated contributions are payable, he may

deduct the amount of the graduated contributions based thereon which are payable by the employee and shall keep records on a deduction card which he shall prepare for the purpose as if the payment was one to which Regulation 13 of these Regulations applied, and shall do likewise on making any subsequent payment of emoluments to the employee.

#### Employee on fixed pay

20.—(2) Where the employer has been authorised by the Inspector to deduct income tax from each payment of emoluments which he makes to an employee who is in receipt of a fixed salary or wage by reference only to the amount of that payment, he shall, if he ceases to employ the employee in question, forthwith return the deduction card, duly completed, to the Collector.

#### Tax-free emoluments

23. Where the employer makes a payment to or for the benefit of the employee in respect of his income tax, the amount of the emoluments which the employer pays to the employee shall be deemed for the purposes of these Regulations to be such a sum as will include the amount assessable on the employee in respect of the payment made by the employer in respect of the employee's income tax.

#### PART IV. PAYMENT AND RECOVERY OF GRADUATED CONTRIBUTIONS, ETC.

#### Payment of graduated contributions by employer

26.—(1) Within 14 days of the end of every income tax month the employer shall pay to the Collector all amounts of graduated contributions deductible under these Regulations from emoluments paid by him during that income tax month, other than amounts deductible by virtue of the proviso to paragraph (1) of Regulation 13 of these Regulations which he did not deduct, together with an equal amount by way of employer's graduated contributions:

Provided that—

- (a) the employer shall for the purposes of this paragraph be deemed to have deducted from the last of any number of payments of emoluments which fall to be aggregated the amount of graduated contributions deductible from those payments which he did not deduct from the earlier payments; and
- (b) where the Inspector has authorised the employer to deduct income tax from each payment of emoluments which he makes to an employee who is in receipt of a fixed salary or wage by reference only to the amount of that payment, payment to the Collector under this paragraph shall be made quarterly, that is to say, the graduated contributions deductible during the first 3 income tax months in any year shall be paid together with the corresponding employer's contributions not later than 19th July in that year, the graduated contributions deductible during the second 3 income tax months shall be paid together with the corresponding employer's contributions not later than 19th October, and so on.

(2) The Collector shall if so requested give the employer a receipt for the total amount so paid, provided that no separate receipt need be given for graduated contributions only if a receipt is given for the total amount of graduated contributions and any tax paid at the same time.

(3) If the employer, by reason of an error made in good faith, has paid to the Collector on account of graduated contributions under this Regulation an amount which he was not liable so to pay, the amounts which he is liable so to pay subsequently, in respect of other payments of emoluments made by him during the same year, shall be reduced by the amount so overpaid:

Provided that if there was a corresponding overdeduction from any payment of emoluments to an employee the provisions of this paragraph shall apply only in so far as the employer has accounted to him therefor.

## National Insurance

### Employer failing to pay graduated contributions

27.—(1) If within 14 days of the end of any income tax month the employer has paid no amount of graduated contributions to the Collector under Regulation 26 of these Regulations for that income tax month and the Collector is unaware of the amount, if any, which the employer is liable so to pay, the Collector may give notice to the employer requiring him to render, within the time limited in the notice, a return showing the name of every employee to whom he made any payment of emoluments in the period from the preceding 6th April to the day (being the last day of an income tax month) limited by the notice, together with such particulars with regard to each such employee as the notice may<sup>2</sup> require, being particulars of—

- (b) the payments of emoluments made to him during that period; and
- (c) the total amount of the graduated contributions which the employer was entitled to deduct during that period, and any matter affecting the calculation of that amount.

(2) The Collector shall ascertain and certify the amount of graduated contributions which the employer is liable to pay to him in respect of the income tax month in question.

(3) The production of the return made by the employer under paragraph (1) of this Regulation and of the certificate of the Collector under paragraph (2) shall be sufficient evidence that the amount shown in the said certificate is the amount of graduated contributions which the employer is liable to pay to the Collector in respect of the income tax month in question; and any document purporting to be such a certificate as aforesaid shall be deemed to be such a certificate until the contrary is proved.

(4) Where a notice given by the Collector under paragraph (1) of this Regulation extends to 2 or more consecutive income tax months, the provisions of these Regulations shall have effect as if the said consecutive income tax months were one income tax month.

(5) A notice may be given by the Collector under paragraph (1) of this Regulation notwithstanding that an amount of graduated contributions has been paid to him by the employer under Regulation 26 of these Regulations for any income tax month, if the Collector is not satisfied that the amount so paid is the full amount which the employer is liable to pay to him for that month, and the provisions of this Regulation shall have effect accordingly.

#### Recovery of graduated contributions

28.—(1) The provisions of the Income Tax Acts and of any Regulations under section 204 (pay as you earn) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970(h) relating to the recovery of tax shall apply to the recovery of any amount of graduated contributions which an employer is liable to pay to the Collector for any income tax month under Regulation 26 of these Regulations as if the said amount had been tax which the employer was liable to pay to the Collector for that month under that section or under any such Regulations:

Provided that, in the application to any proceedings taken by virtue of this Regulation of any such provisions limiting the amount which is recoverable therein, there shall be disregarded any amount of tax which may by virtue of the following paragraph be included as part of the cause of action or matter of complaint in those proceedings.

(2) Proceedings may be brought for the recovery of the total amount of graduated contributions and of tax which the employer is liable to pay as aforesaid for any income tax month, without specifying the respective amounts of graduated contributions and of tax or distinguishing the amounts which he is liable to pay in respect of each employee and without specifying the employees in question, and

(h) 1970. c. 10.

for the purposes of proceedings under section 66 of the Taxes Management Act 1970(i) (including proceedings under that section as applied by the provisions of this Regulation), and for the purposes of summary proceedings the said total amount shall, subject to the provisions of the proviso to paragraph (1) of this Regulation, be one cause of action or one matter of complaint; but nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the bringing of separate proceedings for the recovery of each of the several amounts of graduated contributions and of tax which the employer is liable to pay as aforesaid for any income tax month in respect of his several employees.

(3) A certificate of the Collector that any amount of graduated contributions such as is mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Regulation has not been paid to him, or, to the best of his knowledge and belief, to any other person to whom it might lawfully be paid, shall be sufficient evidence that the sum mentioned in the certificate is unpaid and is due to the Crown; and any document purporting to be such a certificate as aforesaid shall be deemed to be such a certificate until the contrary is proved.

#### Return by employer at end of year

29.—(1) Not later than 14 days after the end of the year the employer shall render to the Collector in such form as the Commissioners of Inland Revenue may approve or prescribe, a return in respect of each employee containing such particulars as the said Commissioners may require for the identification of the employee and showing the total amount of graduated contributions deductible from the emoluments paid by him to the employee during the year.

(2) The said returns shall be accompanied by a statement and declaration in the form approved or prescribed by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue containing a list of all deduction cards issued by the Inspector to the employer or prepared by the employer in accordance with Regulations in respect of that year, together with a certificate showing—

(a) the total amount of graduated contributions deductible by him in the case of each employee during that year;

- (b) the total amount of graduated contributions deductible by him in respect of
  - all his employees during that year; and
- (c) the total amount of graduated contributions, based on payments made during that year, which he was liable to pay to the Collector under Regulation 26 of these Regulations in respect of all his employees.

(3) Where the employer is a body corporate, the declaration and the certificate referred to in paragraph (2) shall be signed either by the secretary or by a director of the body corporate.

(5) A return shall be made under this Regulation in respect of every employee in respect of whom a deduction card has been either issued to the employer by the Inspector or prepared by the employer in accordance with Regulations, or to whom the employer has at any time during the year made a payment of emoluments in respect of which graduated contributions were payable.

(6) If within 14 days of the end of any year an employer has failed to pay to the Collector the total amount of graduated contributions which he is liable so to pay, the Collector may prepare a certificate showing the amount of graduated contributions remaining unpaid for that year. To the amount shown in the said certificate the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of Regulation 28 of these Regulations shall with any necessary modifications apply; and to the said certificate the provisions of paragraph (3) of that Regulation shall with any necessary modifications apply.

#### Inspection of employer's records

32.—(1) Every employer, whenever called upon to do so by any authorised officer of the Ministry of Health and Social Services or of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, shall produce to that officer for inspection, at the employer's premises,—

(i) 1970. c. 9.

- (a) all wages sheets, deduction cards, and other documents and records whatsoever relating to the calculation or payment of the emoluments of his employees in respect of the years or income tax months specified by such officer or to the deduction of graduated contributions or the calculation of the graduated contributions deductible from such emoluments; or
- (b) such of those wages sheets, deduction cards or other documents and records as may be specified by the authorised officer.

(2) The Collector by reference to the information obtained from an inspection of the documents and records produced under paragraph (1) may on the occasion of each inspection prepare a certificate showing—

- (a) the amount of graduated contributions which it appears from the documents and records so produced that the employer is liable to pay to the Collector for the years or income tax months covered by the inspection; and
- (b) any amount of such graduated contributions which has not been paid to him or, to the best of his knowledge and belief, to any other person to whom it might lawfully be paid.

(3) The production of a certificate such as is mentioned in paragraph (2) shall be sufficient evidence that the employer is liable to pay to the Collector in respect of the years or income tax months mentioned in the certificate the amount shown therein pursuant to paragraph (2)(b); and any document purporting to be such a certificate as aforesaid shall be deemed to be such a certificate until the contrary is proved.

(4) The provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of Regulation 28 of these Regulations shall with any necessary modifications apply to the amount shown in such a certificate.

#### Death of employer

33. If an employer dies, anything which he would have been liable to do under these Regulations shall be done by his personal representative, or, in the case of an employer who paid emoluments on behalf of another person, by the person succeeding him or, if no person succeeds him, the person on whose behalf he paid emoluments.

## Succession to a business, etc.

34.—(1) This Regulation applies where there has been a change in the employer from whom an employee receives emoluments in respect of his employment in any trade, business, concern or undertaking, or in connection with any property, or from whom an employee receives any annuity other than a pension.

(2) Where this Regulation applies, in relation to any matter arising after the change, the employer after the change shall be liable to do anything which the employer before the change would have been liable to do under these Regulations if the change had not taken place:

Provided that the employer after the change shall not be liable for the payment of any graduated contributions which were deductible from emoluments paid to the employee before, unless they are also deductible from emoluments paid to the employee after, the change took place or of any corresponding employer's graduated contributions.

# SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 2

# Interpretation

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

"employer" includes the master of a ship;

"seaman" means any person-

- (a) who has signed the agreement with the crew of a ship to which any determination of the National Maritime Board relating to remuneration applies, not being a member of Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces or a person in the employment of the British Railways Board; or
- (b) who being the holder of a British Seaman's Identity Card or of a British Seaman's Card to which he is lawfully entitled is employed to work on a ship;

and for the purpose of this definition-

- (i) where the crew of a ship are engaged at a place outside the United Kingdom on terms which adopt any determination of the National Maritime Board relating to remuneration, that ship shall be deemed to be a ship to which that determination applies if the determination would have applied to the ship if the crew had been engaged in the United Kingdom;
- (ii) where an arrangement has been made for the purposes of deduction of tax from the emoluments of persons resident in the United Kingdom who are employed or engaged in sea-going service in any foreign ship, those persons shall be deemed to be seamen; and
- (iii) an apprentice or cadet whose name is entered on the agreement with the crew shall be deemed to be a person who has signed the agreement.

2A. Subject to the provisions of the preceding Regulation the provisions contained in Part I of the 1965 Regulations shall apply also to the provisions of these Regulations.

## Deduction of graduated contributions from seamen's emoluments

4.—(1A) Subject to the provisions of Regulation 11 of these Regulations. Parts II and III of the 1965 Regulations shall not apply in the case of a seaman and every employer, on making any payment of a seaman's emoluments, may deduct graduated contributions therefrom in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

(2A) An employer shall not be entitled to recover any graduated contributions paid or to be paid by him on behalf of any seaman otherwise than by deduction in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

(3A) On the occasion of the payment of any seaman's emoluments there may be deducted therefrom the amount, if any, of the graduated contributions based thereon which the seaman is liable to pay under those provisions of Part I of the Act.which relate to graduated contributions or under those provisions as modified by Part II of the National Insurance (Mariners). Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(j) (which modifies the statutory provisions in relation to graduated contributions for a seaman).

(4A) If by reason of an error made in good faith the employer, on making any payment of emoluments to a seaman, fails to deduct therefrom the full amount of graduated contributions which by virtue of the provisions of these Regulations he is entitled to deduct, he may recover the amount so underdeducted by deduction from any subsequent payment of emoluments to that employee during the same year:

(j) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 108 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 254, 1970, No. 15 and 1971, No. 286.

- (a) the amount which may be deducted by virtue of the provisions of this paragraph from any payment shall be in addition to but shall not exceed the amount deductible therefrom under the other provisions of these Regulations; and
- (b) for the purposes of Part IV of the 1965 Regulations and of Regulations 6 and 8 of these Regulations an additional amount which may be deducted by virtue of the provisions of this paragraph shall be treated as an amount deductible under the provisions of these Regulations only in so far as the amount of the corresponding underdeduction has not been so treated.

#### Payment of graduated contributions to Collector

6. All amounts of graduated contributions which are deductible from any payment of emoluments under the provisions of these Regulations, together with an equal amount by way of employer's graduated contributions, shall be paid to the Collector within the time limited for the payment of income tax, if any, deductible from that payment of emoluments or, if income tax is not so deductible, the time which would be so limited if income tax were so deductible.

# Return to be rendered by employer

7. Every employer who makes any payment of emoluments to a seaman shall, within the time laid down in Regulation 6 of these Regulations for the payment of the graduated contributions, if any, which are deductible therefrom, render a return to the Collector in such form as may be authorised by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue showing as regards every payment of emoluments which he makes to the seaman—

- (a) the seaman's name;
- (b) the seaman's rank or rating and discharge book number;
- (c) the seaman's National Insurance number;
- (d) the total emoluments paid to the seaman by the employer for the period in respect of which the payment of emoluments is made;
- (e) the number of employer's contributions which the employer is liable to pay under section 3 of the Act (which provides for the payment of weekly employer's contributions) in respect of the seaman for the period in respect of which the payment of emoluments is made;
- (f) the total amount of graduated contributions which may be deducted from the emoluments otherwise than under paragraph (4A) of Regulation 4 of these Regulations.

#### Application of Part IV of the 1965 Regulations

8.-(1) The provisions of Part IV of the 1965 Regulations shall apply in relation to seamen subject to any necessary modifications and in particular to the modifications set out in the following paragraphs of this Regulation.

- (2) Paragraph (1) of Regulation 26 of the 1965 Regulations shall apply as if-
  - (a) for the reference to payment of graduated contributions within 14 days of the end of every income tax month there were substituted a reference to payment of graduated contributions within the time limited in Regulation 6 of these Regulations; and
  - (b) the words "other than amounts deductible by virtue of the proviso to paragraph (1) of Regulation 13 of these Regulations which he did not deduct" were omitted; and
  - (c) the proviso were omitted.

(3) Regulation 27 of the 1965 Regulations shall not apply, but the following provisions shall have effect where the employer fails to pay to the Collector within the time limited in Regulation 6 of these Regulations any amount of graduated contributions which he is liable under these Regulations to pay to the Collector, that is to say—

- (a) the production of the return made by the employer under Regulation 7 of these Regulations shall be sufficient evidence that the amount of graduated contributions shown in that return as deductible by the employer is one half of the amount which the employer is liable to pay to the Collector; and
- (b) if the amount of graduated contributions shown as deductible in the said return differs from the amount which the employer was entitled to deduct from the payments specified therein under the provisions of these Regulations, a certificate of the Collector as to the amount properly deductible shall be sufficient evidence that that amount, and not the amount shown in the said return, is one half of the amount which the employer is liable to pay to the Collector; and any document purporting to be such a certificate as aforesaid shall be deemed to be such a certificate until the contrary is proved.

(4) Regulation 29 of the 1965 Regulations shall not apply in the case of seamen.

#### Seamen to whom these Regulations shall not apply

11. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of these Regulations where, under Regulation 11 of the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 6) (Seamen) Regulations 1970(k), the Commissioners of Inland Revenue have approved arrangements agreed with an employer in respect of all or some of his employees for the purpose of applying with or without modification the provisions of Parts II, III and IV of the Income Tax (Employments) Regulations 1965(I) and in consequence the provisions of the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 6) (Seamen) Regulations 1970 do not apply in respect of those employees, the foregoing provisions of these Regulations shall not apply in respect of them either and the provisions of Parts II, III and IV of the 1965 Regulations shall, subject to any modifications which may be specified in the said arrangements, apply instead.

# EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations revoke and consolidate with amendments the regulations hitherto in force as to the collection of graduated contributions under the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 and as to the making of payments in lieu of such contributions.

Schedule 1 sets out provisions of the regulations dealing with the collection and recovery of Income Tax under Pay As You Earn as modified to apply for the purpose of graduated contributions. In it have been made the consequential amendments necessitated by the consolidation in the Income Tax (Employments) Regulations 1965 of the Income Tax provisions, with various changes made necessary by the Taxes Management Act 1970. Regulations 19 and 29 in that Schedule incorporate amendments consequential on the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 2) Regulations 1966, under which an employer is required to prepare and use a deduction card, in place of an emergency card, in respect of an employee for whom he has not received a deduction card from the Inspector of Taxes.

Schedule 2 is new and contains the special provisions relating to the collection of graduated contributions in respect of seamen which were set out in Part V in the Schedule to the revoked regulations. The provisions contained in the new Schedule bring the graduated contribution provisions into line with the provisions of the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 6) (Seamen) Regulations 1970 which revoked and re-enacted in slightly amended form Part V of the Income Tax (Employments) Regulations 1965. The only amendment of substance is in Regulation 11 (which corresponds to a similar provision of the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 6) (Seamen) Regulations 1970) under which Parts II, III and IV in Schedule 1 can be applied with or without modifications instead of the provisions in Schedule 2.

As in the regulations revoked, the Regulations in the Schedules are numbered non-consecutively, so that those provisions of the Income Tax (Employments) Regulations 1965 and the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 6) (Seamen) Regulations 1970, applied or adapted, retain for graduated contributions purposes the numbers which they bear in those regulations.