Medical: Night Work of Male Young Persons (Medical Examinations).

REGULATIONS, DATED 10TH DAY OF MAY, 1939, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR UNDER SECTION 87 OF THE FACTORIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1938.

1939. No. 68.

The Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland (in these Regulations referred to as "the Ministry"), in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by sub-section (4) of Section 87 of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland), 1938, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—A young person who is taken into employment in accordance with sub-sections (1) to (3) of Section 87 of the Act in any factory shall not continue to be so employed after the expiration of fourteen days unless he has, in accordance with these Regulations, been examined by the examining surgeon and certified by him to be fit for such employment.

2.—Every such young person shall, if he continues to be so employed, be re-examined by the examining surgeon once before the expiration of the first three months of that employment and again before the expiration of each period of six months after the first three months; and he shall not continue to be so employed after the expiration of fourteen days from the date of any such re-examination, unless the examining surgeon has again certified him to be fit for such employment.

3.—There shall be kept in the factory a register, in a form approved by the chief inspector, in which there shall be entered by or on behalf of the occupier of the factory particulars as to every young person taken into such employment as aforesaid, including the date of his birth, and the dates on which he commences and ceases to be so employed, and in which the examining surgeon shall enter the certificates given by him in accordance with these Regulations.

4.—Every examination by the examining surgeon for the purpose of these Regulations shall be conducted at the factory.

5.—Within seven days after the taking of any young person into such employment as aforesaid, the occupier of the factory shall, unless he intends that such employment shall not continue after fourteen days, send notice thereof in writing to the examining surgeon, together with particulars showing the times at which the young person will be available for examination at the factory; and

it shall also be the duty of the occupier to notify the examining surgeon in writing when he desires re-examinations for the purpose of compliance with Regulation 2.

6.—The occupier of the factory shall, for the use of the examining surgeon, fill in, on a record card to be kept by the examining surgeon in accordance with directions of the Ministry, the following particulars, namely, the name of the occupier, the address of the factory, the name, address and date of birth of the young person, and the page and number in the register kept in pursuance of Regulation 3 where the particulars as to the young person are entered. Form N.I. 71.

7.—The occupier of the factory shall provide for the purpose of examinations conducted at the factory in pursuance of these Regulations (for the exclusive use of the examining surgeon on the occasion of an examination) a room which shall be properly cleaned and adequately warmed and lighted, and furnished with a screen, a table (with writing materials) and chairs and, unless other arrangements are made to the satisfaction of the examining surgeon for taking the weight of the young persons elsewhere, with a suitable weighing machine.

8.—The occupier of the factory shall afford to the examining surgeon facilities to inspect any process or work in which a young person required to be examined under these Regulations has been or is to be employed in the factory.

9.—These Regulations may be cited as the Factories (Night Work of Male Young Persons—Medical Examinations) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1939, and shall come into force on the 1st July, 1939.

10.—The Order dated May 21, 1913(**a**), so far as it relates to Northern Ireland, and the Order dated March 28, 1924(**b**), prescribing, among other things, conditions as to the medical examination of young persons employed during the night in certain factories to which Section 54 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901(**c**), was applied, are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 10th day of May, 1939, in the presence of

(L.S.) *R. R. Bowman*,
Assistant Secretary.

Stormont, Belfast.

(**a**) S.R. & O., 1913, No. 565 (p. 129).
(**b**) S.R. & O. of Northern Ireland, 1924, No. 23 (p. 167).
(**c**) 1 Edw. 7, c. 22.