3. In the Order of 1947, any reference to, or which is to be construed as a reference to, the Council, the Chairman of the Council, or the Clerk of the Council of the Rural District of Irvinestown shall be construed as a reference to the Council, the Chairman of the Council, or the Secretary of the Council of the Administrative County of Fermanagh as the case may require.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Development for Northern Ireland this 1st day of June nineteen hundred and sixty-seven.

(L.S.) *A. W. Smith,*
Assistant Secretary.

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NATIONAL INSURANCE

Residence and Persons Abroad

REGULATIONS, DATED 2ND JUNE 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of powers conferred by sections 48(1) and 97(1) of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**a**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967, shall be read as one with the National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on 5th June 1967.

Provision added to the principal regulations

2. After regulation 5(1)(**c**) of the principal regulations there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

"(1A) A person shall not, during such period as the Ministry may allow, be disqualified for receiving sickness benefit by reason of being temporarily absent from Northern Ireland if—

(*a*) on the day on which the absence began he was, and had for the past six months continuously been, incapable of work; and

(*b*) on the day for which benefit is claimed he has been continuously so incapable since the absence began."

(**a**) 1966. c. 6 (N.I.).
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 210.
(**c**) See Sch. to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 109.

Transitory provision

3.—(1) An appropriate contribution shall, for each relevant contribution week, be credited to an insured person who is temporarily absent from Northern Ireland on the date of coming into operation of these regulations and in whose case the Ministry, by virtue of regulation 2, allows a period of non-disqualification for the receipt of sickness benefit to begin on that date:

Provided that the insured person shall not, by virtue of this paragraph, be entitled to benefit of any description in respect of a period before that date.

(2) In paragraph (1)—

(*a*) "relevant contribution week" means a contribution week wholly or partly occurring after the absence began and before the date of coming into operation of these regulations, being a contribution week for which a contribution as an employed or self-employed person would have been credited to the insured person but for his being disqualified for receiving sickness benefit by reason of the absence; and

(*b*) "appropriate contribution" means such a contribution as would have been credited to him but for that disqualification.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 2nd day of June 1967.

(L.S.) *H. A. Lowry,*
Assistant Secretary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 2nd day of June 1967.

(L.S.) *James V. Morrison,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948 and extend the circumstances in which persons who are temporarily absent from Northern Ireland may be paid sickness benefit. A transitory provision authorises contributions to be credited for certain periods in the case of persons already abroad when the regulations come into operation.