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NATIONAL INSURANCE (INDUSTRIAL INJURIES)

Prescribed Diseases

REGULATIONS, DATED 7TH NOVEMBER 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE (INDUSTRIAL INJURIES) ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966 TO 1972.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services on behalf of the Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by section 54 of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**a**) and section 55 of that Act, as modified by section 8 of the National Insurance (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**b**) and section 5 of the National Insurance Act 1972(**c**), 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 80(2) of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972, shall be read as one with the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960(**d**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on 13th November 1972.

Amendment of Part I of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations

2. Part I of Schedule 1(**e**) to the principal regulations shall be amended by the addition at the end of the first and second columns thereof, respectively, of the disease, hereinafter referred to as "acrylamide poisoning", specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto and of the occupations set against the said disease in the second column of that Schedule.

Transitional provisions

3.—(1) Where a person, who has been employed on or at any time after 5th July 1948 in insurable employment in any occupation specified in the second column of the Schedule hereto, is, as the result of acrylamide poisoning, either incapable of work or suffering from a loss of faculty on the date on which these regulations come into operation, and the disease is due to the nature of the employment, the provisions of regulation 6 of the principal regulations (date of development) shall be applied subject to the modification that the date on which these regulations come into operation shall be treated as the first day on which he was incapable of work or, as the case may be, as the day on which he first suffered from the relevant loss of faculty, and the date of development shall be determined accordingly.

(**a**) 1966. c. 9 (N.I.).
(**b**) 1966. c. 16 (N.I.).
(**c**) 1972. c. 57. s. 7.
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 209.
(**e**) As amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 101; 1965, No. 126; 1966, No. 193; 1969, No. 119 and 1972, No. 155.

(2) Where a person to whom paragraph (1) applies is awarded disablement benefit in respect of acrylamide poisoning and claims an increase of that benefit under section 14 of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (increases of disablement pension in cases of special hardship), then, if at any time after having been employed as aforesaid, but before the date on which these regulations come into operation, that person has abandoned any occupation as a result of the disease, the fact that he has abandoned that occupation shall be disregarded in determining his regular occupation for the purposes of the said section 14.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 7th day of November 1972.

(L.S.)

C. G. Oakes,
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE Regulation 2

Description of disease or injury	Nature of occupation
47. Poisoning by acrylamide monomer	Any occupation involving: The use or handling of, or exposure to, acrylamide monomer.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations, by making an addition to the diseases prescribed in Part I of Schedule 1 to the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960, extend insurance under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 to poisoning by acrylamide monomer in the case of persons insurably employed in any occupation involving the use or handling of, or exposure to, that substance.

The regulations also contain transitional provisions relating to persons who are already suffering from the disease on the date when these regulations come into operation.