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CIVIL AUTHORITIES (SPECIAL POWERS) ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1922-43

REGULATIONS, DATED 29TH JANUARY 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 1(3) OF THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES (SPECIAL POWERS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1922.

WHEREAS by virtue of the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Act (Northern Ireland) 1922(a) there are in force certain Regulations for peace and order in Northern Ireland being—

(*a*) Regulations contained in the Schedule to that Act, and

(*b*) Regulations made by the Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland pursuant to powers conferred by Section 1(3) of the said Act

(which Regulations where contained in the Schedule or made as aforesaid are hereinafter referred to as the "principal Regulations"):

AND WHEREAS the said Minister is empowered by the said Section 1(3) to make Regulations for making further provision for the preservation of the peace and maintenance of order and any Regulations so made shall, subject to the provisions of the said Act, have effect and be in force in like manner as Regulations contained in the Schedule to that Act:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that further provision for the preservation of the peace and maintenance of order should be made:

NOW, THEREFORE, I Major the Right Honourable James Dawson Chichester-Clark, D.L., M.P., Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by the said Section 1(3), do hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. For Regulation 8 of the principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—

"**8.**—(1) It shall not be lawful for any person to print, publish, circulate, distribute, sell or offer or expose for sale or have in his possession for purposes of publication, circulation, distribution or sale any document advocating:—

(*a*) the procuring, by force, violence or other unlawful means, of an alteration of the constitution or laws of Northern Ireland, or

(*b*) the unlawful raising or maintaining of a military or armed force, or

(*c*) the obstruction of or interference with the administration of justice or the enforcement of the law, or

(*d*) support for any organisation whatsoever which carries on any of the activities specified in sub-paragraphs (*a*) to (*c*).

(a) 12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 5 (N.I.).

(2) Every person who contravenes the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment and also to forfeit every copy in his posesssion of the document in relation to which the offence was committed.

(3) Where a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary or any member of Her Majesty's Forces on duty has reasonable cause to believe that a person has in his possession a document which was printed or published in contravention of this Regulation he may request that person to deliver up to him every copy in that person's possession of such document, and if that person fails or refuses so to do that person shall be guilty of an offence under this Regulation and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both such fine and such imprisonment and also to forfeit every copy in his possession of the document in relation to which the offence was committed.

(4) Nothing in this Regulation shall render unlawful the printing, publishing, circulating, distributing, selling, offering or exposing for sale, or having possession of a document or copy of a document which is published at the request or by permission of a Minister of the Crown or is published in the course of or as part of a fair report of the proceedings in either House of Parliament or in a court of justice or before any other court or tribunal lawfully exercising jurisdiction."

2. These Regulations may be cited as the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Acts (Amending) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971.

Dated this 29th day of January 1971.

J. D. Chichester-Clark,
Minister of Home Affairs
for Northern Ireland.