EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations expand the definition of "civil defence functions" in relation to the powers of local authorities under section 62 of the Civil Defence Act, 1939 (which deals with the power of local authorities and public utility undertakers to appropriate lands and buildings for the purposes of civil defence functions) to include functions conferred by the Secretary of State on local authorities under section 2 of the Civil Defence Act, 1948.

1952 No. 2138

The Civil Defence (Billeting) Regulations, 1952

Made - - - - 10*th December*, 1952
Coming into Operation 23*rd December*, 1952

H.L.G. 3082.

Whereas by the Civil Defence (Designation of the Minister of Health) Order, 1949(**a**), as amended by the Civil Defence (Designation of the Minister of Health and the Minister of Local Government and Planning) Order, 1951(**b**), the Minister of Housing and Local Government is designated Minister for certain purposes of the Civil Defence Act, 1948(**c**), including the purpose of making regulations under section 2 thereof in relation to the billeting or rehousing of persons who, owing to hostile action or a threat of hostile action, are made homeless or leave their homes, or are refugees or persons repatriated from abroad:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Housing and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the said section, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Civil Defence (Billeting) Regulations, 1952, and shall come into operation on the fourteenth day after the day on which the draft thereof was approved by Parliament.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**d**), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) In these regulations, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them—

"local authority" means the council of a county borough or county district, the Common Council of the City of London and the council of a metropolitan borough; and

"the Minister" means the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

2. It shall be the duty of every local authority, in accordance with the directions of the Minister, to make plans for the provision and maintenance of a service in their area for the billeting therein of persons who, owing to

(**a**) S.I. 1949/1438; 1949 I, p. 652.
(**b**) S.I. 1951/755; 1951 I, p. 256.
(**c**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 5.
(**d**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

hostile action or a threat of hostile action, are made homeless or leave their homes, or are refugees or persons repatriated from abroad, and in particular to make plans—

(*a*) for the ascertainment at short notice of the amount of accommodation that could be made available in their area for the lodging or feeding of such persons, or both ;

(*b*) for the allocation of billeting duties amongst their staff, and for any consequential redistribution of work ;

(*c*) for giving local publicity to the arrangements for billeting which would come into operation on the plans being carried out ;

(*d*) for training an appropriate number of suitable members of their staff and an appropriate number of volunteers, and also members of the Civil Defence Corps whose services are made available for the purpose, in the administration generally of the service to be provided by the authority in connexion with the billeting of persons.

3. It shall be the duty of every local authority, in accordance with the directions of the Minister—

(*a*) to designate a person to act as Chief Billeting Officer in the event of hostile action or a threat of hostile action ; and

(*b*) to make and keep up to date an estimate of the number of habitable rooms in their area.

4. It shall be the duty of every local authority, at the request and in accordance with the directions of the Minister, to carry out any such plans as are mentioned in regulation 2.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Housing and Local Government this tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

(L.S.) *Harold Macmillan,*
Minister of Housing and Local Government.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations require certain local authorities to make plans for the billeting of the homeless and others in the event of war and, when so requested by the Minister, to put the plans into operation.

1952 No. 1859

The Civil Defence (Designation of the Minister of Transport) Order, 1952

Made - - - - 21*st October,* 1952

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 21st day of October, 1952

Present

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by subsection (2) of section nine of the Civil Defence Act, 1948(**a**), it is enacted that the expression " the designated Minister " in that Act means

(**a**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 5.