STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1967 No. 1104

CIVIL DEFENCE

The Civil Defence (Casualty Services) Regulations 1967

Laid before Parliament in draft

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Whereas by the Civil Defence (Designation of the Minister of Health) Order 1949(a), as amended (b), the Minister of Health is designated the 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 taking of measures to deal with casualties and disease:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Health in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the said section and section 49(4) of the London Government Act 1963(d), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations, a draft of which has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:—

Citation, Commencement and Interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Civil Defence (Casualty Services) Regulations 1967 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1967.

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

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

"the Act" means the National Health Service Act 1946(f);

"local authority" means—

(a) for the purposes of regulation 2(*b*) of these regulations, and of so much of regulation 2(*c*), (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) and regulation 3 of these regulations as relates to ambulance services, the council of a county or county borough or the Greater London Council, and

(b) for any other purpose of these regulations, the council of a county, county borough or London borough or the Common Council of the City of London; and

"the Minister" means the Minister of Health.

(a) S.I. 1949/1438 (1949 I, p. 652).

(b) the relevant amending Instruments are:
S.I. 1951/755 (1951 I, p. 256) and S.I. 1956/824 (1956 I, p. 478).

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

(d) 1963 c. 33.

(e) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(f) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81.

Duties of Local Authorities

2. It shall be the duty of a local authority—

(*a*) to make plans for the provision and maintenance in the event of hostile action, or a threat of hostile action, of a service for the collection and first aid care of casualties resulting from such action;

(*b*) to make plans for the expansion of the ambulance service, provided by the authority under section 27 of the Act, for the purpose of conveying casualties resulting from hostile action to or from places in the area of the local authority from or to other places in that area or elsewhere in Great Britain and for the maintenance of such expanded service in conjunction with the service mentioned in paragraph (*a*) of this regulation;

(*c*) to make arrangements for the training, or to assist training, of persons who will be engaged in the services referred to in paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) of this regulation;

(*d*) to maintain for the purpose of such training additional vehicles of such types and in such numbers as may be directed by the Minister, and to ensure that such vehicles shall be available, and shall be adapted as necessary to make them suitable, for that purpose;

(*e*) to carry out such plans as aforesaid notwithstanding any limitation imposed by proposals approved by the Minister under section 20 of the Act; and

(*f*) to assist other local authorities in the discharge of functions under these regulations.

Directions of the Minister

3. As respects the exercise of any of their functions under these regulations, a local authority shall comply with any directions given to them by the Minister.

Revocation and Amendment

4.—(1) The Civil Defence (Ambulance) Regulations 1949(**a**) and the Civil Defence (Casualty Collection) Regulations 1954(**b**) are hereby revoked.

(2) In section 49 of the London Government Act 1963 (which relates to civil defence functions), in subsection (1)(*a*) the words "or if relating to ambulance services or a service for the collection and removal of casualties or to the section of the Civil Defence Corps formed for stretcher bearing and giving first aid" shall be repealed.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health on 21st July 1967.

(L.S.)

Kenneth Robinson,
Minister of Health.

(**a**) S.I. 1949/2146 (1949 I, p. 647). (**b**) S.I. 1954/962 (1954 I, p. 464).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations consolidate, with amendments, the Civil Defence (Ambulance) Regulations 1949 and the Civil Defence (Casualty Collection) Regulations 1954, as amended by section 49 of the London Government Act 1963. The principal changes are as follows:—

(i) Specific provisions for training members of the Civil Defence Corps are replaced by a general reference to the training of persons engaged in the services for which the regulations provide. This results from changes in the structure and functions of the Corps.

(ii) Functions with regard to the collection and first aid care of casualties in London are given to the councils of London boroughs and the Common Council of the City of London instead of, as at present, to the Greater London Council.

The regulations require the councils of counties, county boroughs and London boroughs and the Common Council of the City of London to make plans for setting up a wartime service for the collection and first aid care of casualties.

Peacetime ambulance authorities, that is to say, councils of counties and county boroughs and the Greater London Council, are required to make plans for the expansion of the peacetime ambulance service to meet wartime needs.

Authorities are required to train persons who will be engaged in the services, to maintain sufficient training vehicles and to co-operate with other local authorities.

The regulations provide, as authorised by section 2(2)(*a*) of the Civil Defence Act 1948, for the giving of directions by the Minister of Health.