CIVIL DEFENCE

The Civil Defence (Demolition and Repair Services) Regulations, 1950

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Whereas by the Civil Defence (Designation of Minister of Health) Order, 1949(a), as varied by the Civil Defence (Designation of Minister of Health) (Amendment) Order, 1950(b), the Minister of Health has been 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 repair of war damaged premises, the provision of demolition and clearance services and the prevention or mitigation of loss or damage to moveable property in war damaged dwelling-houses:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Health, 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 (Demolition and Repair Services) Regulations, 1950, 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, county borough or county district, the Common Council of the City of London, the council of a metropolitan borough or the council of the Isles of Scilly; and

"the Minister" means the Minister of Health.

2. It shall be the duty of every local authority, at the request and in accordance with the directions of the Minister—

(*a*) to make plans for setting up an organisation having as its objects—

(i) the execution of urgent repairs to premises which by reason of damage by hostile action become unfit for use, being dwelling houses or premises providing goods or services essential to the life of the community, not being factories, workshops, warehouses or schools;

(ii) the demolition and clearance of property damaged by hostile action;

(a) S.I. 1949 (No. 1438) I, p. 652. (b) S.I. 1950 No. 1045, p. 351 below.
(c) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 5. (d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

* A draft of these Regulations was approved by Resolution of the House of Lords, 24th July, 1950 and the House of Commons, 25th July, 1950, in accordance with section 8(3) of the Civil Defence Act, 1948.

(iii) the doing of any work on any land in connexion with any of the purposes aforesaid, that is to say, the doing of any work on, over, or below the surface of the land, and, in particular, the filling up or repairing of craters or holes, the making of any erection or excavation, the placing of any thing, and the maintenance, removal, demolition, pulling down, destruction or rendering useless of any thing, on, over or below that surface, and the sorting, storage and disposal of any thing removed from the land; and

(iv) the prevention or mitigation of loss or damage to moveable property in their homes of persons who are made homeless by hostile action or of persons whose homes after they have left them on account of hostile action or a threat of hostile action are damaged by hostile action;

(*b*) to make arrangements to secure that any land required for storage purposes, the disposal of debris or other purposes incidental to the discharge of functions under these regulations will be available as and when needed;

(*c*) to make arrangements for mutual aid schemes with neighbouring local authorities with a view to making available for the joint purposes under these regulations of the local authority and the other local authorities concerned the officers and servants of those authorities, and the vehicles, machinery, plant and other equipment of those authorities which are appropriate for those purposes;

(*d*) to make arrangements for the keeping of records of land and buildings damaged by hostile action, and of works carried out in connexion with the discharge of functions under these regulations;

(*e*) to make arrangements for an officer to take charge of the making of such plans and arrangements as aforesaid, of the setting up of such organisation as aforesaid and of the carrying out by the organisation of such plans and arrangements as aforesaid;

(*f*) to make arrangements for the training of an appropriate number of suitable members of their staff, and also members of the Civil Defence Corps whose services are made available for the purpose, in the performance of duties in connexion with the discharge of functions under these regulations; and

(*g*) to set up such organisation as aforesaid and to arrange for that organisation to carry out the objects of its establishment and to carry out such arrangements as aforesaid.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this twenty-sixth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty.

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Aneurin Bevan,
Minister of Health.