CIVIL DEFENCE

1960 No. 502

The Civil Defence (Disease) Regulations, 1960

Made - - - -	18*th March*, 1960
Coming into Operation	1*st April*, 1960

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 Health 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 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 of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations in the terms of a draft duly approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Civil Defence (Disease) Regulations, 1960, and shall come into operation on the fourteenth day after the date on which they are made.

(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 or the council of a metropolitan borough;

"the Minister" means the Minister of Health.

2. It shall be the duty of a local authority, when so required by the Minister—

(*a*) to make plans for the provision and maintenance of a service in their area for the prevention of disease, or of the spread of disease, in circumstances arising out of hostile action or a threat of hostile action;

(*b*) to train the members of their staff in duties in the prevention of disease, or of the spread of disease, to be performed in circumstances arising out of hostile action or a threat of hostile action.

(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.

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

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this eighteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty.

(L.S.) *Derek Walker-Smith,*
Minister of Health.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations place on the councils of county and county boroughs, county districts, and metropolitan boroughs and the Common Council of the City of London, when required by the Minister, the duty to make plans for the prevention and control of disease arising out of hostile action or its threat.