PART II

Matters in relation to which the Minister of Local Government and Planning is designated Minister

The transference of members of the civil population from one area to another and the care of persons so transferred.

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.

The provision of services in connection with the demolition and clearance of property damaged by hostile action, works of repair consequent thereon and incidental matters.

The prevention or mitigation of loss or damage to movable 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.

The disposal of the bodies of persons killed by hostile action.

The repair of premises which by reason of war damage become unfit for use, being dwellinghouses or premises providing goods or services essential to the life of the community, not being factories, workshops, warehouses or schools.

The maintenance of water supplies other than supplies for the purpose of fire fighting.

The maintenance of sewerage and sewage disposal services.

The giving of information to the public regarding the services available to them, and the establishment of centres at which such information can be obtained or at which services provided by Government Departments or local or public authorities may be made available.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order distributes the functions under the Civil Defence Act, 1948, conferred on the Minister of Health by the Civil Defence (Designation of the Minister of Health) Order, 1949, as amended by the Civil Defence (Designation of the Minister of Health) (Amendment) Order, 1950, between the Minister of Health and the Minister of Local Government and Planning and revokes the last-named Order.

The Civil Defence (Emergency Feeding) Regulations, 1951

1951 No. 1223

Made - - - - 7th July, 1951

Whereas by the Civil Defence (Designation of the Minister of Food) Order, 1950(a), the Minister of Food has been designated the Minister for certain purposes of the Civil Defence Act, 1948(b), including the purpose of making regulations under section 2 thereof in relation to the provision of emergency feeding services including equipment:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Food, 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 (Emergency Feeding) Regulations, 1951.

(a) S.I. 1950 (No. 1650) I, p. 350. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 5.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), 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 in England and Wales the council of a county or county borough and in Scotland the council of a county, the joint councils of counties and the council of a large burgh within the meaning of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1947(b);

"the Minister" means the Minister of Food.

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

(*a*) to make plans for feeding members of the civil population who owing to hostile action or a threat of hostile action are made homeless or leave their homes or are unable to cook meals therein or are refugees or persons repatriated from abroad until such time as such persons can cook meals in their own homes, or having been billeted or otherwise rehoused can obtain meals in the premises where they have been rehoused, and in particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision:—

(i) to determine what premises should be used for the purpose of such feeding as aforesaid and to take steps to ensure that any such premises as are not under the control of the local authority will be placed at their disposal;

(ii) to supply the Minister with an estimate of equipment required for the purpose of putting such plans as aforesaid into operation, and of the extent to which the existing stocks thereof need to be supplemented;

(iii) to provide, in such premises under their control as are reasonably available or can reasonably be made available for the purpose, for the storage and preservation of equipment acquired by the Minister with a view to facilitating the carrying out of such plans as aforesaid;

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

(v) to train an appropriate number of suitable members of their staff together with—

(i) such members of the staff of the county district councils (in Scotland the staff of the small burghs); and

(ii) such members of the Civil Defence Corps

as are made available for the purpose, in the administration generally of services to be provided by the local authority in the carrying out of such plans as aforesaid; and

(*b*) to carry out such plans as aforesaid.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Food this seventh day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

(L.S.)

Maurice Webb,
Minister of Food.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 43.