6. FIRE SERVICES

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(1) ENGLAND

The Civil Defence (Fire Services) Regulations, 1949

1949 No. 2120

Made - - - - 16*th November*, 1949
Coming into Operation 29*th November*, 1949

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section two of the Civil Defence Act, 1948(**a**), I hereby make the following Regulations :—

1. It shall be the function of every fire authority to organise the fire brigade maintained for their area under the Fire Services Act, 1947(**b**), for the purposes of civil defence.

2. Without prejudice to the generality of the preceding Regulation it shall be the function of every fire authority—

(*a*) to employ additional persons as members of the fire brigade for the purposes of civil defence and in particular to enrol auxiliary firemen as members of the fire brigade for service therein, which is restricted, except in a war emergency, to such duties as are desirable for training ;

(*b*) to organise members of the fire brigade with a view to their taking part in civil defence ;

(*c*) to make plans for the taking of all reasonable measures to ensure that an adequate supply of water will be available for use in case of fire for the purposes of civil defence.

3. In carrying out the functions conferred on them by these Regulations a fire authority shall comply with any directions given from time to time by the Secretary of State.

4.—(1) In these Regulations the expression " fire authority " means an authority which for the time being is constituted a fire authority by the Fire Services Act, 1947, or any combination scheme made thereunder.

(2) In these Regulations a reference to " civil defence " shall be construed as a reference to the forms of civil defence which may from time to time be recognised by the Secretary of State as appropriate to be undertaken by a fire brigade and the members thereof.

(3) In these Regulations any reference to organising includes a reference to maintaining, equipping and training.

5. The Interpretation Act, 1889(**c**), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

6.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Civil Defence (Fire Services) Regulations, 1949, and shall come into operation on the fourteenth day after the day on which the draft thereof was approved by Parliament.*

(2) These Regulations shall not apply to Scotland.

J. Chuter Ede,
One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
16th November, 1949.

(**a**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 5. (**b**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 41. (**c**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

*The draft of these Regulations was approved by resolution of the House of Lords on 15th November, 1949, and the House of Commons on 8th November, 1949.