water, (ii) to secure ready access to such supplies of water as are from time to time available for civil defence fire-fighting purposes, and (iii) to secure that certain works are capable of being readily adapted for holding water for these purposes.

Part II revives and amends the provisions of section 58 of the Civil Defence Act, 1939, which provides for the operation, after approval by the Secretary of State, of schemes made by fire authorities for securing supplies of water for civil defence fire-fighting purposes. Regulation 6 repeals subsection (3) of section 58 which provided for the payment of grants in respect of works executed under such schemes and completed or in progress or preparation before the end of September, 1939.

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The Civil Defence (Shelter) (Maintenance) Regulations, 1956

Made - - - -	*27th March,* 1956
Coming into Operation	*10th April,* 1956

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section two of the Civil Defence Act, 1948(**a**), I hereby make the following Regulations, a draft of which has been laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:—

1. It shall be the function of every county council other than the London County Council, of every county borough council, of the council of the Isles of Scilly and of the council of every county district specified in the Schedule to these Regulations to take such steps as may be practicable to maintain such existing civil defence shelter as was used or provided for use as public civil defence shelter.

2. It shall be the function of every county borough council, the council of the Isles of Scilly and every county district council to take such steps as may be practicable to maintain such existing civil defence shelter as was used or provided for use as residential civil defence shelter.

3.—(1) It shall be the function of the Common Council of the City of London and of every metropolitan borough council to take such steps as may be practicable to maintain such existing civil defence shelter (not being such shelter provided by the London County Council as is referred to in the following paragraph) as was used or provided for use as public or residential civil defence shelter.

(2) It shall be the function of the London County Council to take such steps as may be practicable to maintain such existing civil defence shelter provided by them as was used or provided for use as residential civil defence shelter by occupants of blocks of tenement buildings owned by the Council in the county of London.

4. In relation to civil defence shelter comprising the whole or any part of a building or other structure strengthened or adapted with a view to its

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

use as civil defence shelter, the function of maintenance under these Regulations shall be restricted to the maintenance of the works of strengthening or adaptation.

5. In carrying out the functions conferred on them by these Regulations an authority shall comply with any direction given from time to time by the Secretary of State.

6.—(1) In these Regulations a reference to existing civil defence shelter is a reference to such shelter within the meaning of the Civil Defence Act, 1948, provided by any local authority under the Civil Defence Acts, 1937 and 1939(a).

(2) In these Regulations a reference to the provision of civil defence shelter is a reference to the construction or erection of civil defence shelter and the strengthening or adaptation of the whole or any part of a building or other structure or of a cave or tunnel with a view to its use as civil defence shelter.

(3) In these Regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them :—

" public civil defence shelter " means civil defence shelter for the public at large, whether or not priority of admission is accorded to ticket holders or in other ways ; and

" residential civil defence shelter " means civil defence shelter for specific persons in or near their homes.

7.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Civil Defence (Shelter) (Maintenance) Regulations, 1956, and shall come into operation on the fourteenth day after the day on which they are made.

(2) These Regulations shall not apply to Scotland.

G. Lloyd-George,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
27th March, 1956.

SCHEDULE

The Boroughs of Chesterfield, Luton, Scunthorpe and Swindon and the Cities of Cambridge and Peterborough.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations confer on local authorities functions of maintaining civil defence shelter provided under the Civil Defence Acts, 1937 and 1939, for the public at large and for specific persons in or near their homes.

(a) 1 & 2 Geo. 6. c. 6 and 2 & 3 Geo. 6. c. 31.