The Urban Districts of Carrickfergus, Lisburn, Whitehead, Armagh, Lurgan, Portadown, Banbridge, Donaghadee, Holywood, Newry, Enniskillen, Limavady, Omagh and Strabane.

The District Electoral Divisions of Jordanstown, Carnmoney, Whiteabbey, Whitehouse, Ballysillan in the Belfast Rural District and County of Antrim.

The District Electoral Divisions of Dunmurry, Lambeg and Malone in the Lisburn Rural District and County of Antrim.

The District Electoral Divisions of Edenderry and Breda in the Hillsborough Rural District and County of Down.

The District Electoral Divisions of Ballymaconaghy, Castlereagh, Gilnahirk, Dundonald, Ballymiscaw and Ballyhackamore in the Castlereagh Rural District and County of Down.

Fire Prevention.

Government Premises.

THE FIRE PREVENTION (GOVERNMENT PREMISES) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1942, DATED 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1942, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER REGULATION 27A OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939.

1942 No. 137.

WHEREAS by the Delegation of Powers (Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland) Order, 1942 (**a**), made on 26th March, 1942, by the Secretary of State under Regulation 102A (1) of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 (**b**), the Secretary of State delegated his powers as respects Northern Ireland under Regulation 27A of the said Regulations to the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland :

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland in pursuance of the powers so delegated to it and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby orders as follows :—

Premises to which order applies.

1. This order shall apply to—

(*a*) premises occupied by or for the purposes of a government department and situated in any such area as may be prescribed, except such premises or classes of premises as may be prescribed ;

(*b*) such premises as may be prescribed, being premises occupied by or for the purposes of a government department but not situated in such an area as aforesaid ;

(*c*) such premises or classes of premises, occupied for such purposes, as may be prescribed under Article 13 of this order ; and

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(a) S. R. & O. 1942 No. 588.
(b) S. R. & O. 1939 No. 927.

(*d*) business premises as respects which an agreement made under the next following Article is for the time being in force.

Obligation of appropriate departments to make arrangements.

2.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this order, the appropriate department for any premises to which this order applies shall make proper and adequate arrangements for the purpose of securing that fires occurring at the premises as the result of hostile attack will be immediately detected and combated.

(2) Where the same department is the appropriate department for several premises to which this order applies, that department may make combined arrangements for those premises, whether or not they are adjoining or neighbouring premises or premises in the same building :

Provided that no person shall be required under the arrangements without his consent to perform fire prevention duties at any premises which are more than two miles from the premises at which he works.

(3) The appropriate departments for several premises to which this order applies, being adjoining or neighbouring premises or premises in the same building, may make joint arrangements for those premises.

(4) The appropriate department or departments for premises to which this order applies may agree with the appropriate authority or appropriate authorities for any business premises to which the Fire Prevention (Business Premises) (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order, 1941, applies, or with the occupier or occupiers of any such business premises subject to the approval of the appropriate authority or appropriate authorities for those premises, that while the agreement is in force either—

(*a*) all the premises shall be deemed to be premises to which this order applies and the said appropriate department or (if there are several appropriate departments concerned) one of those departments shall be the appropriate department for such of the premises as are business premises, and joint arrangements shall be made for all the premises under this order ; or

(*b*) all the premises shall be deemed to be business premises to which the Fire Prevention (Business Premises) (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order, 1941, applies and, in the case of premises other than business premises, the appropriate department shall be deemed to be the occupier and the Ministry shall be the appropriate authority for the purpose of the said order and joint arrangements shall be made for all the premises under the said order ;

and this order or, as the case may be, the Fire Prevention (Business Premises) (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order, 1941, shall have effect accordingly, and, on the making of the joint arrangements, any arrangements in force for the said business premises under the Fire Prevention

(Business Premises) (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order, 1941, shall cease to be in force for those premises :

Provided that—

(i) an agreement shall be made under this paragraph only where all the premises to which the agreement relates are adjoining or neighbouring premises or premises in the same building ;

(ii) where an agreement is made under this paragraph by an occupier or occupiers of business premises, it shall not be determined by that occupier, or, as the case may be, by any of those occupiers, without the approval of the appropriate authority or the authority which would, but for the agreement, be the appropriate authority for the premises concerned under the Fire Prevention (Business Premises) (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order, 1941 ;

(iii) where an agreement is made applying sub-paragraph (*b*) of this paragraph by an appropriate department or appropriate departments, it shall not be determined by that department, or, as the case may be, by any of those departments without the approval of the Ministry.

(5) Where joint arrangements are made under paragraph (3) of this Article or sub-paragraph (*a*) of the last foregoing paragraph for premises to which this order applies, the arrangements shall provide that, in a case where two or more appropriate departments are concerned, one of those departments shall be solely responsible for the administration of the arrangements.

(6) Where the appropriate department for any premises to which this order applies is also the appropriate authority for any business premises to which the Fire Prevention (Business Premises) (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order, 1941, applies, all the said premises being adjoining or neighbouring premises or premises in the same building, the department may issue a direction to the occupier or occupiers of the said business premises to the effect that either sub-paragraph (*a*) or sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (4) of this Article shall apply to all the said premises, and the appropriate department shall make joint arrangements for all the said premises accordingly, and this order or the said Fire Prevention (Business Premises) (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order, 1941, as the case may be, shall have effect subject to the direction.

Procedure for making arrangements.

3.—(1) The appropriate department for any premises to which this order applies shall consult with the persons working at the premises or with their representatives with respect to the arrangements to be made under this order for those premises and the manner in which the arrangements are to be carried out, and, in so far as any such persons have trade union representatives or representatives appointed by an organisation holding a certificate of approval under the Civil Service (Approved

Associations) Regulations, 1927 (**a**), or the Civil Service (Approved Associations) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1928 (**b**), they shall be entitled to be represented by those representatives.

(2) The appropriate department for any such premises shall, within twenty-one days from the date on which this order applies to the premises, make the arrangements under this order for the premises and on the date on which the arrangements are made the department shall—

(*a*) in a case where the department has consulted representatives, send or deliver to every representative a copy of the arrangements ;

(*b*) in a case where any of the persons working at the premises have not been represented by representatives, in addition to its obligation (if any) under the foregoing sub-paragraph, cause copies of the arrangements to be displayed at the premises or otherwise made available for inspection at the premises by those persons ;

and representations with respect to the arrangements may be made in writing to the appropriate department by any representative who has been consulted or by any person working at the premises who has not been represented by a representative.

(3) The appropriate department for any premises shall not bring any arrangements into force before the expiration of seven days from the date on which the arrangements were made, and shall, before bringing the arrangements into force, consider any representations made to it under the last foregoing paragraph within the said period :

Provided that if, in a case where representations have been made to it within the said period, the appropriate department considers it necessary or expedient that the arrangements should come into force forthwith, the department may, before it has considered or fully considered the representations, provisionally bring the arrangements into force, with or without modifications, and give notice thereof in writing to every person who has made the representations.

(4) Where any such arrangements have been provisionally brought into force, under the last foregoing paragraph, the appropriate department shall without delay consider, or complete its consideration of, the said representations and shall, not later than the expiration of one month from the date on which it notified the provisional bringing into force of the arrangements, or of such further periods (not exceeding one month in any case) as it may from time to time notify in writing to the persons who made the said representations, finally bring the arrangements into force with or without modifications :

Provided that if any such provisional arrangements remain in force for a period exceeding three months from the said date, the appropriate

(a) S. R. & O. 1927 No. 800.
(b) S. R. & O of N.I. 1928 No. 18.

department shall report that fact to the Ministry and the reasons therefor.

(5) Before any such arrangements are brought into force, whether provisionally or finally, the appropriate department shall notify in writing to every person who has made representations within the period specified in paragraph (3) of this Article the date on which the arrangements are to come into force, not being less than three days after the notification, and shall at the same time cause the like notice to be displayed at the premises.

(6) While any arrangements for any premises are for the time being in force under this order, the appropriate department shall cause copies thereof to be displayed at the premises or otherwise made available for inspection at the premises by the persons working at the premises.

(7) Where joint arrangements are made under sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (4) of the last foregoing Article for any business premises, this Article shall have effect with the following additions and modifications :—

(*a*) the appropriate department shall consult with the occupier of any such premises with respect to the arrangements and the manner in which they are to be carried out ; and

(*b*) the consultations with the persons working at any such premises or their representatives shall be carried out by the occupier on behalf of the appropriate department ; and

(*c*) the appropriate department shall send or deliver to the occupier a copy of the arrangements as required by paragraph (2) of this Article and representations under that paragraph may be made in writing to the appropriate department by the occupier ;

(*d*) any notices required to be given under paragraphs (3) (4) and (5) of this Article to persons who have made representations shall also be given to the occupier, whether he has made representations or not ;

(*e*) it shall be the duty of the occupier to cause copies of the arrangements to be displayed at the premises under paragraphs (2) and (6) of this Article.

(8) Arrangements made under this Article for any premises shall not be deemed to be invalid on the ground that the persons working at the premises or their representatives and, where joint arrangements are made under sub-paragraph (*a*) of the last foregoing Article for any business premises, the occupier of any such premises, were not consulted in accordance with this Article, if it is shown that the appropriate department took reasonable steps to obtain the views of those persons or their representatives with respect to the arrangements and the manner in which they were to be carried out, and that they refused to discuss or express any views on the matters aforesaid.

4.—(1) It shall be the duty of all male persons working at premises for which arrangements are in force under this order, other than voluntary arrangements, being British subjects of the prescribed age, to perform such fire prevention duties as may be allotted to them under the arrangements : Obligations of persons working at premises.

Provided that—

(*a*) any such person may, in accordance with the Civil Defence Duties (Exemption Tribunals) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1941 (**a**), apply to the tribunal mentioned in that order for exemption from fire pervention duties under this order on the ground that he is medically unfit to perform them, and the tribunal may grant such exemption in accordance with the said order, and any such person who has been so exempted, or who has been exempted by the said tribunal from the fire prevention duties which he would otherwise be required to perform under the Fire Prevention (Business Premises) (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order, 1941 (**b**), or the Civil Defence Duties (Compulsory Enrolment) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1941 (**c**), as the case may be, on the ground of medical unfitness, shall be exempted from fire prevention duties under this order, so long as the order of the tribunal has effect ;

(*b*) any such person may, in accordance with the Civil Defence Duties (Exemption Tribunals) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1941, apply to the tribunal mentioned in that order for exemption from such duties as may be allotted to him under the said arrangements or for a reduction in the aggregate periods for which he may be required to perform such duties on the ground that it would be an exceptional hardship if he were required to perform them or (in the case of an application for a reduction) to perform them for those periods, and the said tribunal may, subject to the provisions of this Article, grant such application in accordance with the said order, and any such person whose application is granted under this paragraph shall, so long as the order of the tribunal has effect, be exempted from the said duties, or, as the case may be, be required to perform them for such reduced aggregate periods as may be specified in the order of the tribunal ;

(*c*) any such person shall be exempted from the said duties if and so long as he works at any other premises for which arrangements are in force under this order or the Fire Prevention (Business Premises) (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order, 1941, and performs outside his working hours duties allotted to him under those arrangements, to the extent of the periods of his performance of such duties ;

(**a**) S. R. & O. of N.I. 1941 No. 85.
(**b**) S. R. & O. of N.I. 1941 No. 188.
(**c**) S. R. & O. of N.I. 1941 No. 35.

(*d*) members of the armed forces of the Crown (but excluding members of any reserve or auxiliary force who have not been called out for service or who have been released from service) shall be exempted from the said duties, but without prejudice to their being required to perform fire prevention duties in accordance with instructions issued by the Admiralty, the Army Council or the Air Council, as the case may be ;

(*e*) the following persons shall be exempted from the said duties, namely, members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, members of the Ulster Special Constabulary, members of the Ulster Home Guard (but without prejudice, in the case of a member of any such force, to his being required to perform fire prevention duties in accordance with instructions issued by the Inspector-General of the Royal Ulster Constabulary), and persons of such classes as may be prescribed ;

(*f*) a whole-time fireman of the National Fire Service (Northern Ireland) shall be exempted from the said duties and a part-time fireman of the said service who holds a certificate given by or on behalf of the Fire Service Commander that, at the time when the certificate was issued, he was performing duties as such a fireman for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than forty-eight hours in each month, shall, so long as he continues to perform duties as such a fireman for such periods, be exempted from the said duties, but without prejudice, in the case of either such a whole-time fireman or such a part-time fireman, to his being required to perform fire prevention duties in accordance with instructions issued by the Fire Service Commander ;

(*g*) a person who holds a certificate from a local authority that on the first day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-one, he had undertaken to perform civil defence duties in the area of that authority and was performing those duties for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than forty-eight hours in each month, shall be exempted from the said duties so long as he continues to perform civil defence duties for such periods, whether in that area or in the area of any other local authority ;

(*h*) the appropriate department may exempt from the said duties wholly or partly—

(i) persons who appear to that department to be engaged upon vital work for exceptionally long hours ; and

(ii) persons engaged upon such duties as may be specified, being duties undertaken to forestall or mitigate hostile attacks on the premises ;

(*i*) where it appears to any government department that any person ought, owing to the nature or length of hours of his

work or any circumstances affecting the public interest, to be exempted from the said duties, it may grant to him a certificate of exemption, and any person who holds such a certificate or a certificate of exemption granted by a government department under the corresponding provision of any other order made under Regulation twenty-six A or Regulation twenty-seven A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, shall be exempted from the said duties.

(2) A person exempted under paragraph (*b*) of the proviso to the last foregoing paragraph shall not be deemed to be exempted from the performance of the said duties during his working hours, or during a break for food or rest not exceeding one and one half hours in the course of a period of work.

(3) If any person applies to the tribunal referred to in paragraph (*b*) of the proviso to paragraph (1) of this Article for exemption solely on the ground of exceptional hardship arising from the nature or length of hours of his work, the tribunal shall not entertain the application if it has been notified in writing by the appropriate department that he is engaged upon vital work.

(4) Where there are in force under this order for any premises arrangements the duties under which, in so far as they are to be performed by persons working at the premises, are to be performed by such of those persons as have voluntarily agreed to perform them (in this order referred to as " voluntary arrangements "), paragraph (1) of this Article shall not apply to those premises.

(5) Where arrangements are in force under this order for any premises, whether the arrangements are voluntary arrangements or not, it shall be the duty of any person who has agreed to perform duties allotted to him under the arrangements, whether or not he is working at those premises, to perform those duties, unless he has given not less than seven days' notice in writing determining his services and the said period has expired.

Particular matters to be secured by arrangements.

5.—(1) All arrangements made under this order shall, so far as practicable, secure that—

(*a*) an adequate number of persons for the purpose of discharging fire prevention duties at the premises is available at all times ;

(*b*) there are allotted to those persons specified fire prevention duties, and they receive sufficient instruction to enable them to perform those duties ;

(*c*) adequate equipment, including helmets, to enable the said duties to be discharged is at all times available at the premises.

(2) All arrangements made under this order, other than voluntary arrangements, shall, as respects the persons who are required by virtue of paragraph (1) of the last foregoing Article to perform fire prevention duties allotted to them under the arrangements, secure that—

(*a*) the periods for which the said duties are required to be performed by any such person outside his working hours do not in the aggregate exceed forty-eight hours in each period of four weeks ;

(*b*) the said duties are so far as possible shared equally among all such persons ;

(*c*) the amount of any additional travelling expenses reasonably incurred by any such person in consequence of the arrangements is reimbursed ;

(*d*) subsistence allowances of the following amounts are payable to every such person—

(i) in respect of any occasion on which he performs the said duties outside his working hours for a continuous period not exceeding twelve hours, three shillings ;

(ii) in respect of any occasion on which he performs the said duties outside his working hours for a continuous period exceeding twelve hours but not exceeding eighteen hours, four shillings and sixpence ;

(iii) in respect of any occasion on which he performs the said duties outside his working hours for a continuous period exceeding eighteen hours but not exceeding twenty-four hours, six shillings :

Provided that—

(*a*) no subsistence allowance shall be paid to any person in respect of the performance of the said duties at any premises while his usual place of residence is in a building comprising those premises or in an adjoining or neighbouring building comprising any premises to which the arrangements apply ;

(*b*) no subsistence allowance shall be paid in respect of any occasion on which a person performs the said duties during a break for food or rest not exceeding one and a half hours in the course of a period of work.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph a person who performs the said duties outside his working hours for a continuous period exceeding twenty-four hours shall be deemed, after the completion of twenty-four hours, to perform the said duties on a new occasion.

(3) Save as is provided by the last foregoing paragraph, no such person as is referred to therein shall be entitled to any remuneration for the performance of the said duties outside his working hours.

(4) Subject to the provisions of Article 8 of this order it shall be the duty of the appropriate department to provide and maintain at the

premises, for persons performing outside their working hours fire prevention duties allotted to them under the arrangements, proper and adequate sleeping accommodation, bedding, sanitary conveniences, and facilities for washing.

Report of inability to make or carry out arrangements.

6.—(1) The appropriate department for any premises to which this order applies may, within twenty-one days from the date on which this order applies to the premises, report in writing to the Ministry that it is unable to make arrangements for the premises under this order, stating the grounds of its inability.

(2) The appropriate department or departments for any premises for which arrangements are in force under this order may at any time report in writing to the Ministry that it is or they are unable either to carry out the arrangements or to make any practicable amendments thereof or arrangements in substitution therefor, stating the grounds of inability.

Amendment and substitution of arrangements.

7.—(1) The appropriate department or departments for any premises for which arrangements are in force under this order may at any time amend those arrangements.

(2) The appropriate department or departments for any premises to which this order applies may at any time make new arrangements for the premises, including such combined or joint arrangements as are referred to in paragraphs (2) and (3) of Article 2 of this order, or may enter into such agreements for the making of joint arrangements as are referred to in paragraph (4) of that Article, the new arrangements to take effect in all cases in substitution for any arrangements previously in force for the premises or any of them ; and the proviso to paragraph (2) of the said Article shall apply to combined arrangements made under this paragraph as it applies to combined arrangements made under that paragraph.

(3) The persons working at any premises for which arrangements are in force under this order, or the representatives of those persons, and, in the case of joint arrangements relating to business premises, the occupier of any such premises may represent to the appropriate department for the premises, or (in the case of joint arrangements) to the department responsible for the administration thereof, that the arrangements ought to be amended, and any such representations shall be considered with a view to the exercise of powers under this Article.

(4) Article 3 of this order shall apply (so far as applicable) in relation to the making by the appropriate department or departments for any premises of amendments of arrangements or new arrangements under this Article in like manner as it applies in relation to the original making of arrangements under this order.

(5) Where any new arrangements are made under this Article for any premises, any arrangements previously in force for those premises under this order shall—

(*a*) if they applied only to those premises, cease to be in force as from the date on which the new arrangements come into force, whether provisionally or otherwise ;

(*b*) if they applied also to other premises, apply to those other premises only as from the said date.

Obligation to carry out arrangements.

8.—(1) It shall be the duty of the appropriate department for any premises for which arrangements are in force under this order, or (in the case of joint arrangements) of the department responsible for the administration thereof, to carry out those arrangements, whether or not they were made by that department.

(2) It shall be the duty of the occupier of any business premises for which joint arrangements are in force under this order to comply with any directions given by the department responsible for the administration of the arrangements as to the manner in which the arrangements are to be carried out, and to provide equipment to be available at the premises, to provide and maintain sleeping accommodation, bedding, sanitary conveniences, and facilities for washing, and to reimburse travelling expenses and pay subsistence allowances in the case of persons employed at the premises.

(3) Where joint arrangements are made for any premises, the department responsible for the administration of the arrangements may, in default of agreement between the several departments and occupiers of the premises for which the joint arrangements are made, give directions apportioning among those departments and occupiers the expenses of carrying out the arrangements (including expenses incurred in respect of the particular matters referred to in Article 5 of this order).

(4) If the occupier of any business premises for which joint arrangements are in force under this order fails in any respect to carry out his obligations under paragraph (2) of this Article, the department responsible for the administration of the arrangements may make good his failure and recover from him summarily as a civil debt any expenses thereby incurred by the department :

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall prejudice any criminal proceedings for any such failure.

Validity and proof of arrangements.

9.—(1) Arrangements made under this order shall not be treated as invalid by reason of the fact that they were made after the expiration of the period specified in Article 3 of this order.

(2) In any criminal proceedings under this order in relation to any premises, the production of a document purporting to be a copy of the arrangements in force under this order for those premises at the time specified in the document, and to be signed by or on behalf of the appropriate department, shall be sufficient evidence that those arrangements were so in force at that time, unless the contrary is shown.

10.—(1) The appropriate department and (in the case of joint arrangements) the department responsible for the administration of the arrangements may from time to time by notice in writing require the occupier of any business premises for which joint arrangements are to be or have been made under paragraph (4) of Article 2 of this order to furnish such information as may be specified in the notice, being information required for the purposes of this order, and in particular may require him to furnish the names and addresses of all male persons working at the premises, being British subjects of the prescribed age, and the numbers specified on the identity cards issued to those persons under the National Registration Act, 1939, and to state which of those persons are exempted under Article 4 of this order. Power to obtain information. 2 & 3 Geo. 6. c. 91.

(2) It shall be the duty of all persons working at any such business premises to furnish to the occupier of the premises such information as he may require for the purpose of complying with any notice served on him under this Article, and it shall be the duty of all persons working at any other premises to which this order applies to furnish to the appropriate department, and (in the case of joint arrangements) to the department responsible for the administration thereof, such information as the department may require for the purposes of this order.

11.—(1) Where a different government department becomes, otherwise than by virtue of directions given under this order, the appropriate department for any premises for which arrangements (other than joint arrangements) are in force under this order, those arrangements shall cease to be in force, and this order shall have effect in relation to those premises as if for any reference to the date on which it applies thereto there were substituted a reference to the date on which the change occurs : Change of occupation of premises, etc.

Provided that the new appropriate department may, within seven days of the change, if it is satisfied that no substantial alteration in the use of the premises or in the persons working thereat is involved, direct that any arrangements in force for the premises shall continue in force, and that copies of the arrangements shall be displayed at the premises.

(2) Where joint arrangements are in force under this order for any premises, and, by reason of any such change as aforesaid or otherwise, the arrangements cease to apply to some of those premises, they shall continue in force for the other premises, but without prejudice to the provisions of this order relating to the amendment of arrangements and the substitution of new arrangements.

(3) Where this order has applied to any premises but has ceased for any reason to apply to those premises, then, if the premises again become premises to which this order applies, any reference to the date on which this order applies to those premises shall be construed as a reference to the date when they again become premises to which this order applies.

Appropriate department.

12. Subject to the provisions of this Article, the appropriate department for the purposes of this order shall, in relation to any premises, be the government department by which the premises are occupied :

Provided that—

(*a*) any appropriate department may agree to the exercise by another government department of any of its functions under this order ;

(*b*) in the case of premises vested in a government department and used for the purposes of another government department, the last named department shall, unless the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland otherwise direct, be the appropriate department;

(*c*) in the case of premises occupied by or for the purposes of a government department which is subordinate to another government department, the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland may direct that the last-named department shall be the appropriate department.

Power of Ministry to define and extend scope of order.

13. If any question arises as to whether any premises are occupied by or for the purposes of a government department, it shall be referred to and determined by the Ministry, and the Ministry may give a direction extending this order, subject to such modifications as may be specified in the direction, to such premises or classes of premises as may be so specified, being premises occupied by or for the purposes of an institution or body of a public character, and any such direction shall specify the government department or authority which is to be the appropriate department for the premises.

Interpretation.

14.—(1) In this order the following expressions have the meanings respectively assigned to them, that is to say

" government department " shall include a government department of the Government of the United Kingdom operating in Northern Ireland ;

" local authority " has the meaning assigned to it by Regulation one hundred of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and includes any person or persons to whom the civil defence functions of any local authority are transferred by direction under Regulation twenty-nine A of those Regulations ;

" business premises", " fire prevention duties " and " working hours " have the same meanings as in Regulation twenty-seven A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 ;

" civil defence duties " has the same meaning as in Regulation twenty-six A of those Regulations ;

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland;

"period of four weeks" means the period of four weeks beginning at noon on the seventh day of September, nineteen hundred and forty-two, and any period of four weeks beginning with a date exactly four weeks, or an exact multiple of four weeks, after the first-mentioned date;

"prescribed", except where the context otherwise requires, means prescribed by a direction given by the Ministry.

(2) Any reference in this order to any Regulation or order shall be construed as a reference to that Regulation or that order as amended by any subsequent Regulation or order.

(3) For the purposes of this order, when joint arrangements or combined arrangements are in force under this order for several premises, all those premises shall be treated as if they were single premises.

Powers of Treasury.

15. Anything in Articles 12 and 13 of this order which is required to be done by the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland or the Ministry, as the case may be, shall, in relation to government departments which are government departments of the Government of the United Kingdom, be done by the Treasury.

Transitional provisions.

16. Any arrangements for the performance of fire prevention duties which were being carried out immediately before the coming into operation of this order at any premises to which this order applies and which could have been made under any provision of this order (including paragraph (4) of Article 2 thereof), shall be deemed to have been made under that provision and shall continue in force accordingly:

Provided that, if representations are made in writing to the appropriate department within twenty-one days of the coming into operation of this order, either by the persons working at any of the premises to which the arrangements apply, or by their representatives, or (in a case where the arrangements apply to business premises) by the occupier of any such premises, to the effect that new arrangements ought to be made under this order, new arrangements shall be made for the premises in accordance with Article 3 of this order, with the substitution for the reference to the date on which this order applies to the premises of a reference to the date on which the representations were made, and, on the coming into force of the new arrangements whether provisionally or otherwise, the old arrangements shall cease to be in force.

Short title and commencement.

17.—(1) This order may be cited as the Fire Prevention (Government Premises) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1942.

(2) This order shall come into operation on the seventh day of September, nineteen hundred and forty-two.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland this Seventh day of September, nineteen hundred and forty-two, in the presence of

(L.S.) *Ronald Green,*
Assistant Secretary.

THE FIRE PREVENTION (GOVERNMENT PREMISES) (NORTHERN IRELAND) (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 1942, DATED 3RD NOVEMBER, 1942, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER REGULATION 27A OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939.

1942. No. 177.

WHEREAS by the Delegation of Emergency Powers (Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland) Order, 1942 (a), made on 26th March, 1942, by the Secretary of State under Regulation 102A (1) of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939 (b), the Secretary of State delegated his powers as respects Northern Ireland under Regulation 27A of the said Regulations to the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland :

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland, in pursuance of the powers so delegated to it and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby orders as follows :—

1.—(1) For paragraph (*g*) of the proviso to paragraph (1) of Article 4 of the Fire Prevention (Government Premises) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1942 (c) (hereinafter referred to as " the principal order "), there shall be substituted the following paragraph :—

" (*g*) a person who holds a certificate from a local authority that, at the time when the certificate was issued, he was performing, under direction from that authority, civil defence duties for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than forty-eight hours in each month shall be exempted from the said duties so long as he continues to perform civil defence duties as aforesaid for such periods ;"

(2) At the end of the said Article 4 there shall be added the following paragraph :—

" (6) If a fire occurs otherwise than as a result of hostile attack at any premises for which arrangements are in force under this order, any person then performing fire prevention duties at the

(a) S. R. & O. 1942, No. 588.
(b) S. R. & O. 1939, No. 927.
(c) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1942, No. 137.