(2) This order shall come into operation on the first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-one.

(3) The Fire Prevention (Business Premises) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1941, (a) is revoked as from the date specified in sub-paragraph (2) of this Article.

(4) The Fire Watchers Order (Northern Ireland), 1941, (b) is hereby revoked in respect of any area prescribed under the Fire Prevention (Business Premises) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1941, and as respects any area prescribed under this order will cease to have effect as from the date on which such area is prescribed.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Public Security this thirteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-one in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. A. B. Iliff,*
Secretary.

Fire Watchers.

THE FIRE WATCHERS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1941, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY UNDER REGULATION 27A OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939.

1941. No. 8.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by Regulation 27A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and by the Delegation of Emergency Powers (Northern Ireland) Order, 1940, the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland hereby orders as follows :—

1.—(1) The occupier of any premises or any part of any premises to which this Order applies, situated in any of the areas specified in the Schedule to this Order, shall, as hereinafter provided appoint a person or persons to act as fire watchers, and shall secure that a fire watcher or watchers, as the case may be, shall at all times be present on those premises or that part, as the case maybe, and be given equipment and all proper facilities for discharging the obligations imposed by Article 2 of this Order :

Provided that, if any two or more occupiers of different parts of the same premises so arrange, they may treat all the parts of the premises occupied by them, for the purposes of this Article, as if they were jointly occupied by all of them.

(a) S. R. & O. of N.I., 1941, No. 34.
(b) S. R. & O. of N.I., 1941, No. 8.

(2) The number of persons appointed to act as fire watchers and the equipment provided shall be sufficient to ensure that in respect of each 8,000 square feet of superficial area or part thereof which is contained in the ground floor of the premises there shall be :—

(*a*) at least one person on duty as a fire watcher at all times ; and

(*b*) not less than the following standard of equipment provided, that is to say—

two buckets each having a capacity of not less than 2½ gallons, one of which shall be kept filled with water and the other with sand ;

two filled sandbags ;

one shovel ; and

one rake.

2.—(1) Any person appointed to act as a fire watcher shall—

(i) be present on the premises or the part of the premises at all times during the periods during which he is on duty as a fire watcher ;

(ii) during a period during which a hostile attack from the air is in progress in the vicinity or an air raid warning is in operation be in readiness to detect outbreaks of fire ; and

(iii) use the equipment provided in fighting any outbreak of fire to the best of his ability.

(2) For the purpose of this Article an air raid warning shall be deemed to be in operation from the giving of the air raid warning signal to the giving of the raiders passed signal.

3.—The Ministry of Public Security may in writing exempt from the provisions of Article 1 of this Order any premises or class or description of premises, or any part thereof.

4.—The Councils of the County Boroughs, Boroughs, and Urban District specified in the Schedule to this Order are authorised to exercise the powers conferred by paragraph (3) of the said Regulation 27A on local authorities.

5.—(1) This Order applies to premises in which more than twenty persons work and to the following premises, whether or not more than twenty persons work therein, namely—

(*a*) any building, the whole or any part of which is used as a warehouse of a greater capacity than fifty thousand cubic feet, except when the warehouse is empty ;

(*b*) any saw-mill or timber yard containing more than fifty thousand cubic feet of timber ;

(*c*) any group of saw-mills or timber yards having common boundaries one with another, and which together contain more than fifty thousand cubic feet of timber ; and

(*d*) any cinema or theatre :

Provided that this Order shall not apply to premises which form part of any mine or quarry.

(2) For the purposes of this Article the number of persons who work in premises shall be taken to be the greatest number of persons who are present in the premises at any one time in a normal day, being persons who carry on business in the premises or are employed by persons carrying on business therein :

Provided that—

(i) regard shall not be had to any temporary increase occasioned by a change of shifts ;

(ii) in the case of any premises where there are outdoor workers, regard shall not be had to more than twenty-five per cent. of their total number.

In this proviso the expression "outdoor workers" means persons who on a normal day work in the premises for not more than one hour.

6.—In this Order—

"air raid warning signal" means any public signal indicating that an air raid by the enemy is expected or is in progress ; and

"raiders passed signal" means any public signal indicating that such an air raid is no longer expected or has ceased.

7.—This Order may be cited as the Fire Watchers Order (Northern Ireland), 1941.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland this 9th day of January, Nineteen hundred and forty-one, in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. A. B. Iliff*,
Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

The County Borough of Belfast.
The County Borough of Londonderry.
The Borough of Bangor.
The Borough of Larne.
The Borough of Newtownards.
The Urban District of Lisburn.