The Regulations re-enact with certain amendments regulations made under the Police Act, 1919, which are revoked. The principal changes are as follows:—

(1) Regulation 8 prescribes the form of declaration to be made by persons appointed to the office of constable of a police force; this takes the place of the form of oath or declaration prescribed by Acts repealed by the Police (Scotland) Act, 1956.

(2) Regulation 19 makes provision as to the voluntary resignation of members of police forces.

(3) Regulation 27 makes provision for the granting of a weekly rest day to members of police forces not above the rank of chief inspector; this replaces similar provision made by an Act repealed by the Police (Scotland) Act, 1956.

1956 No. 1998 (S. 94)

The Police (Discipline) (Scotland) Regulations, 1956

Made - - - -	13*th December*, 1956
Laid before Parliament	20*th December*, 1956
Coming into Operation	1*st January*, 1957

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 11 of the Police (Scotland) Act, 1956(**a**), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Police (Discipline) (Scotland) Regulations, 1956, and shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1957.

(2) These Regulations shall extend to Scotland only.

2. For paragraph (2) of Regulation 6 of the Police (Discipline) (Scotland) Regulations, 1952(**b**), there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:—

"(2) Subject to the provisions of the next following paragraph, in any proceedings under these Regulations the chief constable shall hear the case unless he is interested otherwise than as chief constable or is a material witness.

(2A) Where the chief constable is interested as aforesaid or is a material witness, he or the accused may elect that, instead of the chief constable hearing the case, it shall be heard by that chief constable who shall be first available on a rota of all chief constables prepared and maintained for the purposes of this Regulation by the President for the time being of the Chief Constables' (Scotland) Association; and any reference to the chief constable in relation to the hearing of a case shall be construed accordingly.

(**a**) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 26. (**b**) S.I. 1952/1356 (1952 II, p. 2582).

(2B) It shall be the duty of the chief constable to inform the accused by notice in writing where he has any interest, otherwise than as chief constable, in the case, or where he is a material witness, and any such notice shall draw the attention of the accused to the provisions of this Regulation."

Dated this 13th day of December, 1956.

James Stuart,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Police (Discipline) (Scotland) Regulations, 1952, by making specific provision for the hearing when the chief constable of the force is interested in a discipline charge otherwise than as the chief constable or is a material witness.

1956 No. 1532

The Police (Promotion) Regulations, 1956

Made - - - - 27th September, 1956
Coming into operation in accordance with Regulation 7

I, the Right Honourable Gwilym Lloyd-George, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in pursuance of the powers conferred on me by section four of the Police Act, 1919(a), hereby make the following Regulations:—

Qualification for promotion

1.—(1) A constable to be qualified for promotion to the rank of sergeant must—

(*a*) not have had any punishment, other than a reprimand or caution, imposed on him for an offence against discipline during the two years immediately prior to his promotion;

(*b*) have obtained a pass in the appropriate qualifying examinations;

(*c*) save for special reasons approved by the Secretary of State, have completed two years' service in the performance of ordinary outside police duty; and

(*d*) have completed five years' service unless the chief officer of police or, in the case of a borough police force, the police authority is satisfied that he possesses special qualifications for the performance of the particular duties on which he is to be employed after promotion.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 46.