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# ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY

## Ranks

REGULATIONS*, DATED 4TH MAY 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 25(2)(*a*) AND SECTION 25(6) OF THE POLICE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970.

The Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 25(2)(*a*) and Section 25(6) of the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and after consulting the Representative Bodies constituted by the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act 1919(**b**) hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Citation and Commencement*

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Ranks) Regulations 1970 and shall come into effect on the 1st June 1970.

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**2.** The Royal Ulster Constabulary shall consist of members of the following ranks, that is to say.—

Chief Constable
Deputy Chief Constable
Assistant Chief Constable
Chief Superintendent
Superintendent Class I
Superintendent Class II
Chief Inspector
Inspector
Sergeant
Constable.

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*Transition*

**3.** A member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary who on the 31st May 1970 was holding a rank specified in the first column of the following table shall be deemed to be appointed in a rank set out in the second column of the table opposite the rank first mentioned:

| Rank held on 31st May 1970 | Rank on and after 1st June 1970 |
|---|---|
| Inspector General | Chief Constable |
| Deputy Inspector General | Deputy Chief Constable |
| Commissioner | Assistant Chief Constable |
| County Inspector | Chief Superintendent |
| District Inspector (1st Class) | Chief Superintendent |
| District Inspector (2nd Class) | Superintendent, Class I |
| District Inspector (3rd Class) | Superintendent, Class II |
| Head Constable | Inspector |
| Sergeant | Sergeant |
| Constable | Constable |

(a) 1970. c. 9 (N.I.). (b) 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 68.

*These Regulations were affirmed by a Resolution of each House of Parliament on 21st May 1970.

*Amendments to the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland) 1922*

**4.** The Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland) 1922(**c**) shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) In Section 9 for the definition of "officer" there shall be substituted the following definition—

"The expression "officer" means a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary holding a rank of or higher than Inspector.";

(*b*) In the definition of "constable" in the said Section 9 the words "head constable" shall be repealed;

(*c*) Part A of the First Schedule shall be repealed; and

(*d*) From such date as Part B of the said First Schedule is repealed so much of Section 1(2) of the Act as is then unrepealed shall cease to have effect.

*Amendment to the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act 1883*

**5.** Section 12 of the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act 1883(**d**) shall cease to have effect.

*Consequential amendments to other enactments*

**6.** In any enactments containing references to ranks held by members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary—

(*a*) any reference to a Head Constable shall be deemed to be a reference to an Inspector or Chief Inspector;

(*b*) any reference to a District Inspector shall be deemed to be a reference to a Superintendent Class II or a Superintendent Class I or a Chief Superintendent;

(*c*) any reference to a County Inspector shall be deemed to be a reference to a Chief Superintendent;

(*d*) any reference to a Commissioner shall be deemed to be a reference to an Assistant Chief Constable;

(*e*) any reference to the Deputy Inspector General shall be deemed to be a reference to the Deputy Chief Constable; and

(*f*) any reference to the Inspector General shall be deemed to be a reference to the Chief Constable.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 4th day of May 1970.

(L.S.)

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(c) 12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 8 (N.I.). (d) 46 & 47 Vict. c. 14.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations introduce new titles for the ranks in the Royal Ulster Constabulary except those of sergeant and constable and make transitional provisions in respect of existing members (Regulations 2 and 3), vary the definitions of "officer" and "constable" in relation to the Force, and repeal Part A of the First Schedule to the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland) 1922 which prescribes the ranks of the Force (Regulation 11), and provide for consequential amendments to other enactments (Regulations 5 and 6).