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CIVIL AUTHORITIES (SPECIAL POWERS) ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922-43

Regulations, dated 5th April, 1950, made by the Minister of Home Affairs under Sub-section (3) of Section One of the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Act (Northern Ireland), 1922.

WHEREAS by virtue of the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, there are in force certain Regulations for peace and order in Northern Ireland being:—

- (a) Regulations contained in the Schedule to that Act, and
- (b) Regulations made by the Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland pursuant to powers conferred by Sub-section (3) of Section One of the said Act

(which Regulations were contained in the Schedule or made as aforesaid are hereinafter referred to as the "principal Regulations"):

AND WHEREAS the said Minister is empowered by the said Sub-section (3) to make Regulations for making further provision for the preservation of the peace and maintenance of order and any Regulations so made shall, subject to the provisions of the said Act, have effect and be in force in like manner as Regulations contained in the Schedule to that Act:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that further provision for the preservation of the peace and maintenance of order should be made:

Now, therefore, I, the Right Honourable Brian Maginness, K.C., M.P., Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by the said Sub-section, do hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. At the end of Regulation 10 of the principal Regulations there shall be inserted the following Regulations:—

- "11. Any police officer or constable may, if he suspects that any house, building, land, vehicle, vessel, aircraft, or other premises or anything therein are being or have been or are about to be constructed, used or kept for any purpose or in any way prejudicial to the preservation of the peace or maintenance of order, or that a crime or offence against these Regulations is being or has been committed thereon or therein, enter, if need be by force,

the house, building, land, vehicle, vessel, aircraft or premises at any time of the day or night and examine, search and inspect the same or any part thereof and may seize anything found thereon or therein or any such vehicle, vessel or aircraft which he suspects is being used or intended to be used for any such purpose as aforesaid or is being kept or used in contravention of these Regulations.

- "12. Any police officer or constable may stop any vehicle travelling along any public road and if he suspects that any vehicle upon any public road is being used for any purpose or in any way prejudicial to the preservation of the peace or maintenance of order or otherwise unlawfully may search and seize the vehicle and seize anything found therein which he suspects is being used or intended to be used for any such purpose or in any such way as aforesaid.
- "13. Any police officer or constable, if he suspects that any person is carrying any firearms, ammunition, explosive substances or any article or document for any purpose or in any way prejudicial to the preservation of the peace or maintenance of order, may stop that person and search him and may seize any firearms, ammunition, explosive substances or any article or document carried by that person which he suspects is being used or intended to be used for any such purpose or in any such way as aforesaid.
- "14. It shall be the duty of any person, if so required by a police officer or constable, to stop and answer to the best of his ability and knowledge any questions which may be reasonably addressed to him and if he refuses or fails to stop or if he refuses or fails to answer such questions he shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations.
- "15. Any police officer or constable may arrest without warrant any person whom he suspects of acting or having acted or being about to act in a manner prejudicial to the preservation of the peace or maintenance of order or who is suspected of having committed any offence against these Regulations, and anything found on any person so arrested may be seized.

Where any person is so arrested, and the Civil Authority is satisfied that with a view to preventing him acting in any manner pre-