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POLICE

Police (Disposal of Property) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974

Made . . . . . 31*st December* 1974

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To be laid before Parliament

The Secretary of State(a) in pursuance of section 2 of the Police (Property) Act 1897 hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Police (Disposal of Property) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974 and shall come into operation on 17th February 1975.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Police (Property) Act 1897(b);

"the Chief Constable" means the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary;

"the Police Authority" means the Police Authority for Northern Ireland.

Disposal of certain property in hands of police where no order made by court

3.—(1) This regulation applies to property in the possession of the police to which the Act applies where the owner has not been ascertained and no order of a competent court has been made with respect to such property.

(2) Subject to the following provisions, property to which this regulation applies (other than money) shall be sold.

(3) If the Chief Constable is satisfied that the nature of the property is such that it is not in the public interest that it should be sold, it shall, subject to paragraph (4), be destroyed or otherwise disposed of in accordance with his directions.

(4) Subject to section 2(3) of the Act (which provides for the sale of property which is perishable or the custody of which involves unreasonable expense or inconvenience), property to which this regulation applies shall not be disposed of until it has remained in the possession of the police for a year.

(a) Formerly the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland; *see* S.R. & O. 1921, No. 1804 and S.I. 1973/2163.
(b) 1897 c. 30.