1972. No. 118 [C]

EXPLOSIVES

Control of Ammonium Nitrate, Ammonium Nitrate Mixtures and Sodium Chlorate

REGULATIONS, DATED 15TH MAY 1972, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE EXPLOSIVES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970 AND ARTICLE 3 OF THE EXPLOSIVES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972.

WHEREAS it appears to me that the substances and mixtures specified in these Regulations are likely to be used (whether by themselves or in combination with other things) for unlawful purposes as explosives:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE WILLIAM WHITELAW, M.C., M.P., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in pursuance of Section 3 of the Explosives Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a), Article 3 of the Explosives (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(b) and Section 1(1)(*a*) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(c), hereby make the following Regulations:—

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Explosives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972.

Control of certain substances

2.—(1) A person shall not after 31st May 1972 manufacture, sell, purchase or acquire—

(*a*) ammonium nitrate;
or

(*b*) any mixture, including a fertiliser, which contains ammonium nitrate and in which any part of the nitrate fraction having a chemically determined ammonium equivalent constitutes, together with that equivalent, more than 79 per cent by weight of the said mixture;
or

(*c*) any mixture as under sub-paragraph 2(1)(*b*) in which the content of combustible material is greater than 0·4 per cent by weight;
or

(*d*) sodium chlorate;

except under and in accordance with the terms of a licence from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(2) A person shall not after 30th June 1972 have in his possession, or under his control, or use, any substance or mixture as specified in paragraph (1) except under and in accordance with the terms of a licence from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Dated this 15th day of May 1972.

W. Whitelaw,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

(a) 1970. c. 10 (N.I.).
(b) S.I. 1972, No. 730 (N.I.3).
(c) 1972. c. 22.