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ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY

Suspension from Duty

REGULATIONS, DATED 28TH MARCH 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 25 OF THE POLICE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970.

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 25 of the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and after consulting the Police Authority, the Police Association and, in accordance with the Police Act 1969(b), the Police Council for the United Kingdom hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Suspension from Duty) Regulations 1972.

(2) These Regulations shall have effect from 15th February 1971, except that in the case of a member who was then suspended from duty they shall have effect as from the date of his suspension.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:

"the force" means the Royal Ulster Constabulary

"member" means a member of the force

Revocation

3. The Royal Ulster Constabulary (Miscellaneous) Allowances Order 1968(c) in so far as it remains unrevoked is hereby revoked.

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4.—(1) Where a report, allegation or complaint is received from which it appears that a member may have committed a disciplinary or criminal offence the chief constable may suspend that member from membership of the force and from his office as constable, whether or not the matter has then been investigated, and in such case he shall be suspended until—

(*a*) the chief constable decides otherwise;

(*b*) it is decided that the member shall not be charged with a disciplinary offence; or

(*c*) the member has been so charged and either all the charges have been dismissed or a punishment has been imposed,

whichever first occurs:

(a) 1970. c. 9 (N.I.). (b) 1969. c. 63.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 119.