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HISTORIC MONUMENTS

Archaeological Finds

REGULATIONS, DATED 1ST OCTOBER 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE HISTORIC MONUMENTS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971.

The Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 12 of the Historic Monuments Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(**a**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Historic Monuments (Archaeological Finds) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations the expression—

"the Act" means the Historic Monuments Act (Northern Ireland) 1971;

"Police Officer" means the Officer in Charge of a Police Station;

"the Director" means the Director of the Ulster Museum.

Revocation

3. The Ancient Monuments (Archaeological Finds) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1937(**b**) are hereby revoked.

Reporting of Archaeological Finds

4.—(1) A Police Officer who in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of the Act has received a report and the deposit of an archaeological object shall forthwith, if the report was made in writing, transmit the report and if the report was not made in writing, shall transmit the substance thereof in writing, to the Director together with such further report as he may consider relevant and shall also forthwith send the object to the Director, unless for any reason the Police Officer considers that the object is not suitable for transmission to the Director, in which event he shall retain it.

(2) If for any reason the archaeological object is not deposited with the Police Officer he shall forthwith inspect the object at the place specified in the report of the finder and shall include in his report to the Director such particulars in regard to the object as he may consider relevant.

(3) Where the object has been deposited with a Police Officer and has been retained by him as not being suitable for transmission to the Director, the Director shall, not later than 3 months after the furnishing of the report of the finder, instruct the Police Officer regarding the disposal of the object.

Purchase or return of Archaeological Find

5. During or on the expiration of a period of 3 months after the furnishing of the report of the finder, the Director shall be entitled to return the object to the finder.

(**a**) 1971. c. 17 (N.I.). (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1937, No. 63.