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

REGULATIONS, DATED 11TH FEBRUARY 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 1(3) OF THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES (SPECIAL POWERS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1922.

WHEREAS by virtue of the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Act (Northern Ireland) 1922(a) 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 Section 1(3) of the said Act (which Regulations where 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 Section 1(3) to make Regulations for making further provision for the preservation of the peace and maintenance of order, and any such 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 the maintenance of order should be made:

NOW THEREFORE I, Major the Right Honourable James Dawson Chichester-Clark, D.L., M.P., Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by the said Section 1(3), do hereby make the following Regulations:—

**1.** After Regulation 23D of the principal Regulations there shall be added the following Regulations:—

**"23E.**—(1) It shall be the duty of every person who has reason to believe that any other person has died or received grevious bodily harm or has been wounded as the result of the discharge of any firearm or explosive device or by any offensive weapon immediately to inform a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary or a member of Her Majesty's Forces on duty of all the facts and circumstances of the case so far as they are known to him.

(2) Any person who fails to comply with the requirements of this Regulation shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding £50 or to both such imprisonment and such fine.

(3) In this Regulation "offensive weapon" has the meaning assigned to it by Section 8 of the Public Order (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1970.

(a) 12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 5 (N.I.).