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

REGULATIONS, DATED 7TH AUGUST 1970, 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 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 maintenance of order should be made:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Right Honourable Robert Wilson Porter, Q.C., 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. For Regulation 38 of the principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following Regulations:—

"**38.**—(1) Where any member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary not below the rank of Inspector or any commissioned officer of Her Majesty's Forces on duty suspects that any assembly of three or more persons may lead to a breach of the peace or serious public disorder or may make undue demands upon the police force or upon Her Majesty's Forces he, or any member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary or Her Majesty's Forces on duty acting on his behalf, may order the persons constituting the assembly to disperse forthwith and any person who thereafter joins or remains in the assembly or otherwise fails to comply with such order shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations.

(2) Without prejudice to Section 20(1) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954, nothing in this Regulation shall derogate from the operation of any statutory provision or rule of law whereby any conduct of a person is made an offence."

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