Where a person is charged with having in his possession any printed matter as aforesaid and such printed matter was found on premises in his occupation, or under his control, or in which he is found or has resided, it shall be presumed to have been in his possession unless the contrary is proved."

2. These Regulations may be cited as the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Acts (Amending) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1954.

Given under my hand at Belfast this 21st day of December, 1954.

George B. Hanna,
Minister of Home Affairs
for Northern Ireland.

CIVIL DEFENCE (FINANCE)

REGULATIONS* DATED 20TH OCTOBER, 1954, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION SIX OF THE CIVIL DEFENCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1950.

1954. No. 155

The Ministry of Home Affairs by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section six of the Civil Defence Act (Northern Ireland), 1950, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Civil Defence (Finance) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1954.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

(3) In these Regulations—

"local authority" means the council of a county and of a county borough,

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Home Affairs.

2. There shall be payable to the Ministry by each local authority in respect of each financial year as from and including the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-One, in accordance with the succeeding provisions of these Regulations, contributions towards expenditure incurred by the Ministry under the provisions of section six of the Civil Defence Act (Northern Ireland), 1950, in connection with Civil Defence purposes.

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* A Draft of these Regulations was approved by Resolution of the House of Commons on the 19th day of October, 1954.

3.—(1) The contributions towards expenditure shall, in the case of the expenditure set out in Part I of the Schedule hereto, be one-quarter of such expenditure.

(2) Contributions towards expenditure shall not be payable in the case of the expenditure set out in Part II of the said Schedule.

4. The Ministry may refund to each local authority an amount equal to the whole or such part as the Ministry determines to be reasonable of any contributions payable by that local authority under these Regulations in respect of any land or article which has been acquired by the Ministry for Civil Defence purposes, where the Ministry determines that such land or article is no longer required in connection with a Civil Defence function for which the Ministry is responsible. Provided that the Ministry may, in lieu of refunding any such amount as aforesaid, reduce the contributions payable by that local authority in the next following financial year by that amount.

5.—(1) The contribution payable by each local authority, in respect of any category of expenditure referred to in Part I of the Schedule hereto, which expenditure has been incurred by the Ministry in the financial years ended on the 31st day of March, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-One, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Two, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Three and Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Four shall, on demand being made to each such local authority by the Ministry on or before the 31st day of December, 1954, be paid to the Ministry not later than the 1st day of March, 1955.

(2) The contribution payable by each local authority in respect of the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Five, and in respect of each subsequent financial year, shall, on demand being made to each such local authority by the Ministry on or before the 31st day of July in the financial year immediately following, be paid to the Ministry in two equal instalments on or before the 1st day of September and the 1st day of March in such following financial year.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 20th day of October One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four in the presence of

(L.S.)

R. F. R. Dunbar,
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 20th day of October One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four in the presence of

(L.S.)

D. C. B. Holden,
Assistant Secretary.