NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry in exercise of the powers conferred upon it hereby makes the following Order :—

1. Where in any undertaking within the meaning of the Act not more than ten persons were employed therein on the average during the year nineteen hundred and fifty-two, the person or persons carrying on such an undertaking shall be exempt from any requirement to furnish a return for the purpose of the Census of Production in respect of that year.

2. The number of persons employed in an undertaking for the purposes of this Order shall include all working proprietors, clerical and typing staff, and operatives, inside and outside the factory or workshop.

3. Where any undertaking within the meaning of the Act was engaged during the year nineteen hundred and fifty-two, in any of the following operations :— (*a*) flax scutching (*b*) mining and quarrying (*c*) tea blending and coffee roasting, the person or persons carrying on such an undertaking shall be exempt from any requirement to furnish a Census return for that year in respect of any such operations.

4. This Order may be cited as the Census of Production (Exemption) Order (Northern Ireland), 1952.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this tenth day of December in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-two, in the presence of

(L.S.) *H. E. Jones,*
Assistant Secretary.

HOUSE TO HOUSE CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS

REGULATIONS MADE THE 7TH DAY OF JULY, 1952, BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION FOUR OF THE HOUSE TO HOUSE CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1952.

1952. No. 119

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section four of the House to House Charitable Collections Act (Northern Ireland), 1952, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These regulations may be cited as the House to House Charitable Collections Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952.

Interpretation.

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,

" the Act " means the House to House Charitable Collections Act (Northern Ireland), 1952 ;

" chief promoter ", in relation to a collection, means a person to whom a licence has been granted authorising him to promote that collection or in respect of whom an Order has been made directing that he shall be exempt from the provisions of sub-section (2) of Section one of the Act as respects that collection ;

" promoter ", in relation to a collection, has the meaning assigned to it by Section eight of the Act ;

" collecting box " means a box or other receptacle for monetary contributions, securely closed and sealed in such a way that it cannot be opened without breaking the seal ;

" licence " means a licence granted by a County Inspector of Police or by the Commissioner of Police in the County Borough of Belfast under Section two of the Act ;

" Order " means an Order made by the Minister of Home Affairs under Section three of the Act ;

" prescribed badge " means a badge in the form set out in the Fourth Schedule to these regulations ;

" prescribed certificate of authority " means a certificate in the form set out in the Third Schedule to these regulations ;

" receipt book " means a book of detachable forms of receipt consecutively numbered with counterfoils or duplicates correspondingly numbered ;

6 & 7 Geo. 5 C.31.

" street collection " means a collection or sale to which regulations made under Section five of the Police, Factories, etc. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1916, apply.

(2) A mark shall for the purposes of these regulations be deemed to have been made on a collecting box if it is made on a wrapper securely gummed to the collecting box.

52 & 53 Vict. C. 63.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Local collections of a transitory nature.

3.—(1) Every certificate granted under sub-section (4) of Section one of the Act shall be in the form set out in the First Schedule to these regulations, and sections five and six and sub-sections (4) and (5) of section seven of the Act shall be set forth on the back of every such certificate.

(2) Where such a certificate is granted as aforesaid, the provisions of these regulations shall not apply, in relation to a collection made for the purpose specified on the certificate, within the locality and within the period so specified, to the person to whom the certificate is

granted or to any person authorised by him to act as a collector for the purposes of that collection.

Applications for licences and orders.

4.—(1) An application for a licence shall be in the form set out in the Second Schedule to these regulations, and shall give the particulars there specified.

(2) An application for a licence or for an order shall be made not later than the first day of the month preceding that in which it is proposed to commence the collection :

Provided that the County Inspector of Police, the Commissioner of Police or, as the case may be, the Minister of Home Affairs, may grant the application notwithstanding that it was not made within the time required by this paragraph if satisfied that there are special reasons for so doing.

Responsibility of promoters as respects collectors.

5. Every promoter of a collection shall exercise all due diligence —

(*a*) to secure that persons authorised to act as collectors for the purposes of the collection are fit and proper persons ; and

(*b*) to secure compliance on the part of persons so authorised with the provisions of these regulations.

Certificates of authority, badges, collecting boxes and receipt books.

6.—(1) No promoter of a collection shall permit any person to act as a collector, unless he has issued or caused to be issued to that person—

(*a*) a prescribed certificate of authority duly completed (except as regards the signature of the collector) and signed by or on behalf of the chief promoter of the collection ;

(*b*) a prescribed badge, having inserted therein or annexed thereto a general indication of the purpose of the collection ; and

(*c*) if money is to be collected, a collecting box or receipt book marked with a clear indication of the purpose of the collection and a distinguishing number, which indication and number shall, in the case of a receipt book, also be marked on every receipt contained therein in addition to the consecutive number of the receipt.

(2) Every promoter of a collection shall exercise all due diligence to secure —

(*a*) that no prescribed certificate of authority, prescribed badge, collecting box or receipt book is issued, unless the name and address of the collector to whom it is issued have been entered on a list showing in respect of any collecting box or receipt book the distinguishing number thereof ; and

(*b*) that every prescribed certificate of authority, prescribed badge, collecting box or receipt book issued by him or on his behalf is returned when the collection is completed or when for any other reason a collector ceases to act as such.

(3) In the case of a collection in respect of which a licence has been granted —

(*a*) every prescribed certificate of authority shall be given on a form obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, and every prescribed badge shall be so obtained ; and

(*b*) every prescribed certificate of authority shall be authenticated, and the general indication on every prescribed badge of the purpose of the collection shall be inserted therein or annexed thereto, in a manner approved by the County Inspector of Police or the Commissioner of Police for the area in respect of which the licence was granted.

Duties of collectors in relation to certificates and badges.

7. Every collector shall —

(*a*) sign his name on the prescribed certificate of authority issued to him and produce it on the demand of any Police Constable or of any occupant of a house visited by him for the purpose of collection ;

(*b*) sign his name on the prescribed badge issued to him and wear the badge prominently whenever he is engaged in collecting ; and

(*c*) keep such certificate and badge in his possession and return them to a promoter of the collection on replacement thereof or when the collection is completed or at any other time on the demand of a promoter of the collection.

Age limit.

8. No person under the age of sixteen years shall act or be authorised to act as a collector of money.

Importuning.

9. No collector shall importune any person to the annoyance of such person, or remain in, or at the door of, any house if requested to leave by any occupant thereof.

Collection of money.

10.—(1) Where a collector is collecting money by means of a collecting box, he shall not receive any contribution save by permitting the person from whom it is received to place it in a collecting box issued to him by a promoter of the collection.

(2) Where a collector is collecting money by other means than a collecting box, he shall, upon receiving a contribution from any person, forthwith and in the presence of such person enter on a form of receipt in a receipt book issued to him by a promoter of the collection and on the corresponding counterfoil or duplicate the date, the name of the contributor and the amount contributed, and shall sign the form of receipt, the entries and signature being in ink or indelible pencil, and shall hand the form of receipt to the person from whom he received the contribution.

Duty of collectors to return boxes and books.

11. Every collector, to whom a collecting box or receipt book has been issued, shall —

(*a*) when the collecting box is full or the receipt book is exhausted, or

(*b*) upon the demand of a promoter of the collection, or

(*c*) when he does not desire to act as a collector, or

(*d*) upon the completion of the collection,

return to a promoter of the collection that collecting box with the seal unbroken or that receipt book with a sum equal to the total amount of the contributions entered therein.

Examination of boxes and books.

12.—(1) Subject as provided in paragraph (2) of this regulation, a collecting box when returned shall be examined by, and, if it contains money, be opened in the presence of a promoter of the collection and another responsible person.

(2) Where a collecting box is delivered unopened to a bank, it may be examined and opened by an official of the bank in the absence of a promoter of the collection.

(3) As soon as a collecting box has been opened, the contents shall be counted and the amount shall be entered with the distinguishing number of the collecting box on a list, which shall be certified by the persons making the examination.

(4) Every receipt book when returned and all sums received therewith shall be examined by a promoter of the collection and another responsible person, and the amount of the contributions entered in the receipt book shall be checked with the money and entered with the distinguishing number of the receipt book on a list, which shall be certified by the persons making the examination.

Provision for envelope collections.

13.—(1) Where the promoter of a collection to whom an order has been granted informs the Minister of Home Affairs that he desires to promote an envelope collection, and the Minister of Home Affairs is of opinion that the collection is for a charitable purpose of major importance and is suitably administered, the Minister of Home Affairs may, if he thinks fit, give permission for the promotion of an envelope collection.

(2) Where an envelope collection is made in accordance with this regulation —

(*a*) every envelope used shall have a gummed flap by means of which it can be securely closed ;

(*b*) no collector shall receive a contribution except in an envelope which has been so closed ; and

(*c*) these regulations shall have effect subject to the following modifications :—

(i) sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (1) of regulation 6 shall not apply ;

(ii) regulation 10 shall not apply ;

(iii) regulations 11 and 12 shall have effect as if each envelope in which a contribution is received were a collecting box ;

(iv) in regulation 11 for the words " with the seal unbroken " there shall be substituted the word " unopened " ;

(v) in paragraph (3) of regulation 12 for the words " As soon as a collecting box has been opened " there shall be