Belfast Harbour (Decontamination).

THE BELFAST HARBOUR (DECONTAMINATION) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1942, DATED 23RD MARCH, 1942, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER REGULATION 25 OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939.

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WHEREAS, by the Delegation of Emergency Powers (Northern Ireland) Order, 1940, made on 2nd October, 1940, by the Secretary of State under Regulation 102A (1) of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, the Secretary of State delegated his powers as respects Northern Ireland under Regulation 25 of the said Regulations to the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland :

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland, in pursuance of the powers so delegated to it, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby orders as follows :—

1.—The provisions of this Order shall apply to the area within the jurisdiction of the Belfast Harbour Commissioners.

2.—In this Order—

" the Harbour Authority " means the Belfast Harbour Commissioners ;

" the Harbour " means the Belfast Harbour as defined in the Belfast Harbour Act, 1882.

" vessel " has the same meaning as in the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 ;

" contaminated " means contaminated by any lethal gas or other noxious substance in consequence of war operations ;

" authorised officer " means a person authorised in writing by the Secretary to the Belfast Harbour Commissioners to execute and enforce the provisions of this Order.

3.—(1) The Harbour Authority may direct the master or any person having the management of or for the time being in charge of a vessel which is contaminated forthwith to decontaminate the vessel.

(2) The Harbour Authority may direct the owner of goods which are contaminated or the person by whom the entry of the goods at the Custom House is made (each of whom is hereinafter referred to as " the owner ") forthwith to remove the goods to such place as may be specified in the direction and either to destroy or to decontaminate the goods.

(3) The Harbour Authority may under arrangements approved by the Ministry of Public Security provide such services as may be necessary for the execution of any directions given under the two