1.—Each of the areas described in the Schedule to this Order is declared to be a Defence Area for the purposes of Regulation 16B of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

2.—This Order may be cited as the Defence Areas (Northern Ireland) Order, 1941.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland this 18th day of April, 1941, in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. A. B. Iliff,*
Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

The BELFAST AREA consisting of—the County Borough of Belfast.

The EASTERN AREA consisting of—the boroughs of Bangor, Larne and Newtownards, the urban districts of Ballyclare, Carrickfergus, Donaghadee, Holywood, Lisburn and Whitehead, and the rural districts of Antrim, Belfast, Castlereagh, Hillsborough, Larne, Lisburn and Newtownards.

The SOUTH EASTERN AREA consisting of—the urban districts of Banbridge, Downpatrick, Dromore, Kilkeel, Newcastle, Newry and Warrenpoint, and the rural districts of Banbridge, Downpatrick, Kilkeel, Moira, and Newry No. 1.

The ARMAGH AREA consisting of—the County of Armagh.

The TYRONE AREA consisting of—the County of Tyrone.

The FERMANAGH AREA consisting of—the County of Fermanagh.

The LONDONDERRY CITY AREA consisting of—the County Borough of Londonderry.

The LONDONDERRY COUNTY AREA consisting of—the County of Londonderry.

The NORTH EASTERN AREA consisting of—the borough of Ballymena, the urban districts of Ballycastle, Ballymoney and Portrush, and the rural districts of Ballycastle, Ballymena and Ballymoney.

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ORDER, DATED SEVENTEENTH FEBRUARY, 1941, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER REGULATION 76 (1) OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1939.

1941. No. 41.

WHEREAS by virtue of the Delegation of Emergency Powers (Northern Ireland) Order, 1940 (a), made on October 2, 1940, by the Secretary of State under Regulation 102A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, and by directions given by the Secretary of State on October 7, 1940, in pursuance of the said Order, the Secretary of State delegated his powers as respects Northern Ireland, in relation to the area of any harbour authority, under paragraph (1) of Regulation 76 of the said Regulations to the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland :

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry of Commerce 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.—Notwithstanding any restriction imposed by or under any Act in relation to the shipping, unshipping, handling, storage or conveyance of ammunition, explosives or inflammable substances the following provisions shall apply to the loading and unloading, storage and conveyance within all harbours in Northern Ireland of ammunition or explosives held for the service of a Government Department.

2.—Before any explosive is brought into a harbour for storage or shipment or is transhipped from one vessel to another vessel, or is loaded into or unloaded from any vessel, the representative of the Government Department concerned shall give notice in writing to the Harbour Master of the group number* and quantity of such explosive and of the time when and the place where it is intended to carry out such storage, shipment, transhipment, loading and unloading. In selecting a place for the purpose of the storage, shipment, transhipment, loading and unloading of explosives in the harbour, the representative of the Government Department shall consult the Harbour Master and take all due precautions for the safety of the harbour. Provided that if, owing to urgency, it is impracticable to give prior notice to the Harbour Master, notice shall be given at the first available opportunity.

3.—The Master of every vessel containing or conveying explosives as cargo or loading or unloading explosives in any harbour shall display by day a red flag and by night a red light at the masthead, or if the said vessel has no mast, on a staff, in addition to any navigation lights which may be required by any other Regulations.

4.—During the whole of the time when explosives are being stored, shipped, transhipped, loaded into or unloaded as aforesaid, there shall be present a representative (hereinafter called the " Officer in charge ") appointed by a Government Department concerned and specially charged with the supervision thereof, who shall be responsible for

(a) U.K. S. R. & O., 1940, No. 1789.

*The group number of the explosive of the particular Government Department concerned.