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WHEREAS it is provided by sub-section (2) of Section 1 of the Ministries Act (Northern Ireland), 1940, that the Ministry of Public Security for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") shall have power to issue such Orders as the Minister of Public Security for Northern Ireland may consider necessary for public security, civil defence, the preservation of the peace and the maintenance of order, the co-ordination of the civil defence services and the protection of persons and property from injury and damage in the present emergency:

AND WHEREAS the said Minister considers it necessary, in the interests of public security and the protection of persons and property from injury or damage, to make an Order for the provision of means for securing horses in the event of hostile attack from the air:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Ministries Act (Northern Ireland), 1940, hereby orders as follows:—

1.—No person shall cause or permit any horse to be on a road in the County Boroughs of Belfast and Londonderry, unless the horse is wearing a halter with a rope or two ropes attached thereto and the halter and the rope or ropes comply with the following provisions:—

(*a*) the halter shall be made of webbing, rope or leather;

(*b*) the halter shall be so adjusted and shall be of such strength and the rope or ropes shall be so attached thereto, and shall be of such length and strength that the horse can be securely tethered thereby;

(*c*) except when the horse is being led, or is tethered, by the rope or ropes, the rope or ropes shall be bestowed on the horse in such a manner that the whole length thereof can immediately be made available for tethering the horse.

2.—Where a person is in charge of a horse in any highway or other public place to which the public have access and there is immediate danger from a hostile attack from the air which is in progress in the vicinity, he shall comply with any directions which may be given by a constable that the horse shall be secured until the immediate danger has ceased and with any further directions which may be given by the constable as respects the manner or place in which the horse is to be secured and as respects the place in which any vehicle drawn by the horse is to be left while the horse is so secured:

Provided that no such direction shall be given unless the constable is satisfied that it is necessary for the public safety that the horse shall be secured.