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1.—These Regulations may be cited as the Regulations for Building and Improvement Grants (Voluntary Schools) Amending (Emergency) Regulations, 1940.

2.—In these Regulations " Principal Regulations " means the Building and Improvement Grants (Voluntary Schools) Regulations, 1930 (Statutory Rules and Orders, 1930, No. 118), as amended by the Building and Improvement Grants (Voluntary Schools) Regulations, 1930, Amending Regulations No. 1, 1931 (Statutory Rules and Orders, 1931, No. 22).

3.—Where, under the provisions of section 10 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1930, a grant is sanctioned by the Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") in connection with the provision of a new voluntary school or the alteration, enlargement or re-construction of an existing voluntary school, but where it is decided with the concurrence of the Ministry that building operations shall not be begun during the period of the present emergency, the Ministry may, in the meantime, pay one half of approved expenditure incurred under any or all of the following heads, that is to say :—

(*a*) the purchase of a site for a new school;

(*b*) the purchase of additional land in connection with proposed works at an existing school;

(*c*) architect's fees;

(*d*) quantity surveyor's fees;

(*e*) advertising expenses, etc., for purposes of contract.

4.—Notwithstanding anything contained in the Principal Regulations, it shall not be a condition for the payment of a grant by the Ministry under Article 3 that at least one-tenth of the total cost of the works shall have been expended from the local contribution or that a contract for the erection of the school or for the alteration, enlargement or re-construction of the existing school shall have been executed.

5.—In any case of doubt or difficulty as to the construction or application of any of these Regulations, or as to the validity of any claim, right or liability thereunder, the same shall be determined by the Ministry, whose decision thereon shall be final and binding on the parties concerned.

6.—These regulations shall be construed with and as forming part of the Principal Regulations, and they shall continue in force until such date as the Governor of Northern Ireland may by Order in Council declare to be the date on which the Emergency that was the occasion of the making of these regulations came to an end.