5. EVACUATION AND CARE OF THE HOMELESS

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(1) ENGLAND

The Civil Defence (Evacuation and Care of the Homeless) Regulations, 1949

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Whereas by an Order in Council dated the twenty-eighth day of July, 1949(**a**), and made under subsection (2) of section 9 of the Civil Defence Act, 1948(**b**), the Minister of Health has been designated the Minister for certain purposes of the said Act, including the purpose of making reguations under sections 2 and 6 thereof in relation to the transference of members of the civil population from one area to another and the care of persons so transferred, the care of persons who owing to hostile action or a threat of hostile action are made homeless or leave their homes or are refugees or persons repatriated from abroad, the prevention or mitigation of loss or damage to moveable property in their homes of persons who are made homeless by hostile action or of persons whose homes after they have left them on account of hostile action or a threat of hostile action are damaged by hostile action, and the giving of information to the public regarding the services available to them, and the establishment of centres at which such information can be obtained or at which services provided by Government Departments or local or public authorities may be made available:

Now therefore the Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the said sections, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations in the terms of a draft duly approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Civil Defence (Evacuation and Care of the Homeless) Regulations, 1949, and shall come into operation on the twenty-second day of November, 1949.

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

(3) In these regulations, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them—

"local authority" means the council of a county or county borough, the Common Council of the City of London, the council of a metropolitan borough and the council of a county district; and

"the Minister" means the Minister of Health.

2. It shall be the duty of every local authority at the request and in accordance with the directions of the Minister—

(*a*) to make plans for transferring members of the civil population from one area to another in the event of hostile action or a threat of hostile action and for the accommodation and, so far as may be necessary, the maintenance of the persons so transferred, and for the temporary accommodation and, so far as may be necessary, the maintenance of persons

(**a**) S.I. 1949 No. 1438, p. 652 above. (**b**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 5 (**c**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63

who owing to hostile action or a threat of hostile action are made homeless or leave their homes or are refugees or persons repatriated from abroad, until such time as such persons can return to their homes or can be billeted or otherwise rehoused, as the case may require, and for the prevention or mitigation of loss or damage to moveable property in their homes of persons who are made homeless by hostile action or of persons whose homes after they have left them on account of hostile action or a threat of hostile action are damaged by hostile action, and in particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision—

(i) to determine what buildings and land should be used for the purpose of such accommodation and maintenance as aforesaid, to determine what adaptations of any such buildings will be required and to take steps to ensure that any such buildings and land as are not under the control of the local authority will be placed at their disposal;

(ii) to supply the Minister with an estimate of their requirements in respect of beds, bedding, furnishing and other materials and equipment for the purpose of putting such plans as aforesaid into operation, and an estimate of the extent to which their existing stocks thereof need to be supplemented for the purpose of meeting their estimated requirements;

(iii) to provide, in such premises under their control as are reasonably available or can reasonably be made available for the purpose, for the storage and preservation of material and equipment acquired by the Minister with a view to facilitating the carrying out of such plans as aforesaid;

(iv) to train an appropriate number of suitable members of their staff, and also members of the Civil Defence Corps whose services are made available for the purpose, in the administration generally of services to be provided by the local authority in the carrying out of such plans as aforesaid, and in particular in the management of accommodation of the type or types intended for use for the purposes aforesaid; and

(v) to carry out such plans as aforesaid; and

(*b*) to make and carry out plans for the provision of premises or the extension of existing premises at which in the event of hostile action or a threat of hostile action information concerning the services available within the area of the local authority provided either by the authority, other local or public authorities, Government Departments or voluntary organisations may be readily obtained by the public, and at which in any special emergency services provided by Government Departments or local or public authorities may be made available to the public.

3. Section 56 of the Civil Defence Act, 1939(**a**), is hereby repealed.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this twenty-first day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

(L.S.) *Aneurin Bevan,*
Minister of Health.

(a) 2 & 3 Geo. 6. c. 31.