

1972 No. 730 (N.I. 3)

NORTHERN IRELAND

**The Explosives (Northern Ireland) Order 1972**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	11th May 1972
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	12th May 1972
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	13th May 1972

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of May 1972

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that by reason of urgency this Order requires to be made without a draft having been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(3) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(a), and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

*Title and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Explosives (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 and shall come into operation on 13th May 1972.

*Interpretation*

2. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(b) shall apply for the interpretation of the following provisions of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

*Extension of powers to regulate explosive substances*

3.—(1) The powers exercisable by the Minister of Home Affairs to make regulations under section 3 of the Explosives Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(c) for controlling and regulating the manufacture, sale, acquisition, transfer, storing, transportation, handling, use or disposal of explosives within the meaning of that section shall also be exercisable in respect of any substance to which this paragraph applies and, accordingly, that section shall have effect as if references therein to explosives included references to any such substance.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies to any substance (including any liquid, article or thing) which is capable of being used, whether by itself or in combination with anything else, as an explosive and which appears to the Minister of Home Affairs likely to be so used for unlawful purposes.

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(a) 1972 c. 22.

(b) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.).

(c) 1970 c. 10 (N.I.).

(3) Nothing in this Article shall be construed as making provision contrary to any provision made by the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972 and, accordingly, so long as section 1 of that Act has effect the references in this Article to the Minister of Home Affairs are to be construed as references to the Secretary of State.

*W. G. Agnew.*

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order extends the power to control explosives under section 3 of the Explosives Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 so as to allow regulations to be made under that section in respect of a wider range of substances and things capable of being used for causing explosions.

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