



# Civil Contingencies Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 36

### PART 1

#### LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CIVIL PROTECTION

##### *General*

## 7 Urgency

- (1) This section applies where—
  - (a) there is an urgent need to make provision of a kind that could be made by an order under section 5(1) or by regulations under section 6(1), but
  - (b) there is insufficient time for the order or regulations to be made.
- (2) The Minister may by direction make provision of a kind that could be made by an order under section 5(1) or by regulations under section 6(1).
- (3) A direction under subsection (2) shall be in writing.
- (4) Where a Minister gives a direction under subsection (2)—
  - (a) he may revoke or vary the direction by further direction,
  - (b) he shall revoke the direction as soon as is reasonably practicable (and he may, if or in so far as he thinks it desirable, re-enact the substance of the direction by way of an order under section 5(1) or by way of regulations under section 6(1)), and
  - (c) the direction shall cease to have effect at the end of the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which it is given (but without prejudice to the power to give a new direction).

[<sup>F1</sup>(4A) In relation to provision of a kind that could be made by the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland by an order under section 5(1) or by regulations under section 6(1), in subsection (2) the reference to the Minister is to be read as a reference to the Department of Justice and subsection (4) is to be read accordingly.]

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- (5) A provision of a direction under subsection (2) shall be treated for all purposes as if it were a provision of an order under section 5(1) or of regulations under section 6(1) [<sup>F2</sup>made by the Minister or the Department of Justice (as the case may be)].

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 7(4A) inserted (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), arts. 1(2), 5, **Sch. 3 para. 100(2)** (with arts. 28-31, Sch. 3 para. 110)
- F2** Words in s. 7(5) inserted (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), arts. 1(2), 5, **Sch. 3 para. 100(3)** (with arts. 28-31, Sch. 3 para. 110)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 1 para. 11A inserted by [2006 c. 16 Sch. 11 para. 174](#) (Sch. 11 para. 174 repealed (12.1.2010) without ever being in force by 2009 c. 23, Sch. 22 Pt. 8; S.I. 2009/3345, art. 2, Sch. para 27(d))
- Sch. 1 para. 19(2)(d) and word inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 17 para. 15\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 30(2)(d) and word inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 17 para. 15\(3\)\(b\)](#)