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EMERGENCY POWERS (DEFENCE)

Fire Precautions

THE CLEARANCE OF LOFTS ORDER, 1940, DATED JULY 20, 1940,
MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME SECURITY UNDER REGULA-
TIONS 27 (2) AND 38 OF THE DEFENCE (GENERAL) REGULA-
TIONS, 1939.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by paragraph (2) of Regulation 27 and by Regulation 38 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939^(a), I hereby order as follows:—

1. Where there is in a dwelling-house any loft which is not used or furnished for use for human habitation, the loft shall be cleared and kept clear of all articles which are not affixed to the premises:

Provided that this Article shall not apply to a loft to which access is provided by a staircase.

2. The following councils may authorise any of their officers or servants to exercise the powers conferred by paragraph (5) of the said Regulation 27—

(a) in the county of London, the London County Council;

(b) elsewhere in England and Wales, the council of a borough or urban district;

(c) in Scotland, any county or town council.

3. In this Order—

the expression “dwelling-house” means a building constructed or adapted to be used wholly or mainly for human habitation and includes a hospital; and

the expression “loft” includes an attic and any space between a ceiling and a roof.

4. This Order shall apply to the county of London, to all boroughs and urban districts in England and Wales and to Scotland.

5. This Order may be cited as the Clearance of Lofts Order, 1940.

John Anderson,
Minister of Home Security.

Whitehall.

20th July, 1940.

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