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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Regulations provide for the detailed arrangements necessary for the conduct of the census directed to be taken by the Census Order (Northern Ireland) 2000.

Regulations 3 and 4 provide for the division of Northern Ireland into census areas, census districts and enumeration districts, and for the appointment of officers to carry out the duties assigned to them for taking the census.

Regulation 5 provides for all officers to sign the undertaking, set out in Schedule 1, to fulfil all the obligations required of them under the Census Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 and by these Regulations.

Regulation 6 provides that the forms of return to be completed in accordance with the Census Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 are those which apply as set out in full in Schedule 3.

Regulations 7-14 provide detailed arrangements for the delivery, completion, post-back and, where appropriate, collection of the forms of return and for any follow up action which needs to be taken.

Regulations 15 and 16 make provisions in relation to the giving of information, the use and publication or communication of information obtained for the purpose of the census, and the safe custody of forms and documents.

Regulation 17 revokes the Census Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990.