



Civil Contingencies Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 36

PART 2

EMERGENCY POWERS

27 Parliamentary scrutiny

- (1) Where emergency regulations are made—
 - (a) a senior Minister of the Crown shall as soon as is reasonably practicable lay the regulations before Parliament, and
 - (b) the regulations shall lapse at the end of the period of seven days beginning with the date of laying unless during that period each House of Parliament passes a resolution approving them.
- (2) If each House of Parliament passes a resolution that emergency regulations shall cease to have effect, the regulations shall cease to have effect—
 - (a) at such time, after the passing of the resolutions, as may be specified in them, or
 - (b) if no time is specified in the resolutions, at the beginning of the day after that on which the resolutions are passed (or, if they are passed on different days, at the beginning of the day after that on which the second resolution is passed).
- (3) If each House of Parliament passes a resolution that emergency regulations shall have effect with a specified amendment, the regulations shall have effect as amended, with effect from—
 - (a) such time, after the passing of the resolutions, as may be specified in them, or
 - (b) if no time is specified in the resolutions, the beginning of the day after that on which the resolutions are passed (or, if they are passed on different days, the beginning of the day after that on which the second resolution is passed).
- (4) Nothing in this section—
 - (a) shall prevent the making of new regulations, or
 - (b) shall affect anything done by virtue of regulations before they lapse, cease to have effect or are amended under this section.