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Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives for Northern Ireland 2004

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**TO: THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
NORTHERN IRELAND**

Sir,

1. In accordance with Section 57 of the Explosives Act 1875 (the Act) which stipulates that a report of the proceedings under the Act shall be made annually to the Secretary of State and shall be laid before both Houses of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, we have the honour to submit the following report on the working of the Act 1875.
2. Two visits were made to Northern Ireland during the year by HM Inspector of Explosives, when 7 inspections of licensed factories, magazines and stores were undertaken.

Licensed Stores and Registered Premises

3. The Act requires that explosives may only be kept in magazines, stores or premises which have been licensed or registered by the Secretary of State. Stores, provided they continue to satisfy the requirements of the Act, are licensed annually under one of five divisions, according to the type and quantity of explosives kept in them. Five stores were permitted to retain explosives in this manner and one additional store was licensed during the year.
4. Retailers, who wish to sell ammunition or fireworks, must have their premises registered by the Secretary of State under one of two modes, according to the quantity of explosives to be held and the site and location of the premises. During the year 615 premises were registered to keep mixed explosives under the Act, and of these 348 were premises from which 'Shop Goods' fireworks (Class 7 under the Act) were to be retailed.

Factories and Magazines

5. There are three licensed explosives factories, each with magazines, in operation in Northern Ireland. There are also seven separate licensed magazines.

Acetylene

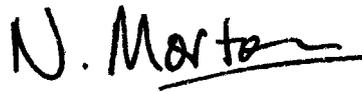
6. One company is licenced to import compressed acetylenes, deemed to be an explosive under the legislation.

Role of the Police Service of Northern Ireland

7. Appendix A of this report also shows:
 - the location of members of the Police Service of Northern Ireland who act as local Inspectors of Explosives;
 - the number of inspections they carried out;
 - the number and locations of stores licensed as at 31 December 2004; and
 - the number and location of registered premises.

Proceedings

8. The prosecution statistics for 2004 are not available.



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APPENDIX A

Police Command	Police Service of Northern Ireland - Number of Inspectors*	Number of Inspections of Stores and Registered Premises	Number of Licensed Stores	Number of Registered Premises
North Region	7	236	1	217
South Region	6	212	4	233
Urban Region	3	417	1	165
TOTAL	16	865	6	615

* In addition there were 3 (civilian) Inspectors of Explosives at Police Service of Northern Ireland Headquarters.

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