STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 950

BIOLOGICAL STANDARDS

The Biological Standards (Transfer of Property etc.) Order 1977

Made - - - -	31*st May* 1977
Coming into Operation	30*th June* 1977

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred on him by subsections (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Biological Standards Act 1975**(a)** and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Biological Standards (Transfer of Property etc.) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 30th June 1977.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this order, unless the context otherwise requires—

"the Act" means the Biological Standards Act 1975;

"the Council" means the Medical Research Council;

"the specified activities" means activities specified in section 3(1) of the Act;

and other expressions have the same meanings as in the Act.

(2) Except in so far as the context otherwise requires, any reference in this order to any provision of any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that provision as amended or extended by any enactment or instrument and as including a reference to any provision which may re-enact or replace it.

(3) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889**(b)** shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of this order as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Transfer of property etc.

3. On 30th June 1977 ("the transfer day") there shall be transferred to and vest in the Secretary of State for Social Services—

(*a*) the property described in the Schedule to this order being real property held by the Council before the transfer day wholly or partly in connection with the specified activities; and

(a) 1975 c. 4. **(b)** 1889 c. 63.

(*b*) all property, not being real property, held by the Council before the transfer day wholly or partly in connection with the specified activities; and

(*c*) all rights acquired and liabilities and obligations incurred by the Council which subsist immediately before the transfer day, wholly or partly in connection with the specified activities, other than rights and liabilities arising out of any contract of employment.

Provision as to disputes

4.—(1) Any question whether any property held, rights acquired or liabilities or obligations incurred by the Council before the transfer day was so held or were so acquired or incurred wholly or partly in connection with the specified activities shall be determined by agreement between the Council and the Secretary of State for Social Services or failing such agreement by a person to be appointed by agreement by the Council and the Secretary of State for Social Services or in default of such agreement to be appointed by the Lord Chancellor.

(2) Section 31 of the Arbitration Act 1950**(a)** shall have effect for the purposes of the determination of any question by any person appointed under the provisions of paragraph (1) above as if such determination were an arbitration under any other Act within the meaning of that section.

David Ennals,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

31st May 1977.

Article 3(*a*)

SCHEDULE

TRANSFERRED REAL PROPERTY

Freehold land and buildings known as the Mount Vernon Institute, Frognal Rise, Hampstead registered at H.M. Land Registry under Title Number 185503.

Freehold land known as Mount Vernon Cottage, Frognal registered at H.M. Land Registry under Title Number 168712.

(a) 1950 c. 27.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides for the transfer, on 30th June 1977, from the Medical Research Council to the Secretary of State for Social Services of the real property specified in the Schedule and of personal property, rights, liabilities and obligations held, acquired or incurred by the Council before that day wholly or partly in connection with its activities in relation to the establishment of standards for, the provision of standard preparations of, and the testing of biological substances.

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