STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1964 No. 2048

MINISTERS OF THE CROWN

The Minister of Technology Order 1964

Made - - - -	22*nd December* 1964
Laid before Parliament -	31*st December* 1964
Coming into Operation	1*st January* 1965

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of December 1964

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in pursuance of section 1 of the Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) Act 1946(a), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation, Interpretation and Commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Minister of Technology Order 1964.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) applies for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) This Order shall come into operation on 1st January 1965.

Transfer of Functions

2.—(1) The functions of the Secretary of State under the Atomic Energy Act 1946(c) and the Atomic Energy Authority Act 1954(d) are hereby transferred to the Minister of Technology.

(2) With the said functions, there are also hereby transferred to the Minister of Technology all property, rights and liabilities to which the Secretary of State was, in connection with any of those functions, entitled or subject immediately before the coming into operation of this Order.

Supplemental

3.—(1) Any enactment or instrument in force at the coming into operation of this Order shall have effect, so far as may be necessary for the purpose or in consequence of the foregoing provisions of this Order, as if—

(*a*) for any reference to the Secretary of State (including any reference which is to be construed as such a reference) there were substituted a reference to the Minister of Technology; and

(*b*) for any reference to the Department of Education and Science or any officer of the Secretary of State for that Department (including any reference which is to be construed as such a reference) there were substituted a reference to the Ministry of Technology or, as the case may be, an officer of that Ministry.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 31.
(b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 80.
(d) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 32.

(2) In this article " instrument " (without prejudice to the generality of that expression) includes in particular Orders in Council, Letters Patent, judgments, decrees, orders, rules, regulations, byelaws, awards, contracts, certificates and other documents.

4.—(1) This Order shall not affect the validity of anything done by or in relation to the Secretary of State before the coming into operation of this Order; and anything which, at the time of the coming into operation of this Order, is in process of being done by or in relation to the Secretary of State may, if it relates to any functions, property, rights or liabilities transferred by this Order, be continued by or in relation to the Minister of Technology.

(2) Any authority, appointment or direction given or made by the Secretary of State in exercise of any functions transferred by this Order, shall, if in force at the coming into operation of this Order, continue in force and have effect as if given or made by the Minister of Technology.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order in Council, made under the Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) Act 1946, provides for the transfer to the Minister of Technology of certain functions, at present vested in the Secretary of State for Education and Science, under the Atomic Energy Act 1946 and the Atomic Energy Authority Act 1954.