STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1965 No. 125

MINISTERS OF THE CROWN

The Minister of Technology Order 1965

Made - - - -	*29th January* 1965
Laid before Parliament	*4th February* 1965
Coming into Operation	*5th February* 1965

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 29th day of January 1965

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 1965.

(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 5th February 1965.

Transfer of functions

2.—(1) There are hereby transferred to the Minister of Technology the functions of the Board of Trade under the Development of Inventions Acts 1948 to 1958(c).

(2) There are hereby transferred to the Minister of Technology the functions of the Secretary of State under section 2 of the Development of Inventions Act 1954(d).

(3) With the functions transferred by paragraph (1) of this Article, there are also hereby transferred to the Minister of Technology all rights and liabilities to which the Board of Trade were, in connection with any of those functions, entitled or subject immediately before the coming into operation of this Order.

Amendment of enactments and instruments

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 Board of Trade, the President of the Board or 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

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 31. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 60; 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 20; 7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 3.
(d) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 20.

(*b*) for any reference to an officer of the Board of Trade (including any reference which is to be construed as such a reference) there were substituted a reference to an officer of the Ministry of Technology.

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

Supplemental

4.—(1) This Order shall not affect the validity of anything done by or in relation to the Board of Trade or 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 Board of Trade (including in particular any legal proceedings pending to which the Board of Trade are party) may, if it relates to any functions, 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 Board of Trade in the exercise of any functions transferred by this order shall, if in force at the coming into operation of this order, continue in force and take effect as if given or made by the Minister of Technology.

(3) In the Development of Inventions Act 1948(a), section 13 (which provides for the mode of exercise of the powers of the Board of Trade) is hereby repealed.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, made under the Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) Act 1946, comes into operation on 5th February 1965 and transfers to the Minister of Technology all the functions of the Board of Trade and of the Secretary of State for Education and Science under the Development of Inventions Acts 1948 to 1958.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 60.