STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1976 No. 917

BIOLOGICAL STANDARDS

The National Biological Standards Board (Functions) Order 1976

Made - - - -	11*th June* 1976
Coming into Operation	1*st July* 1976

The Secretary of State for Social Services, the Secretary of State for Wales, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland(**a**), acting jointly, in exercise of powers conferred by section 1(2) of the Biological Standards Act 1975(**b**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the National Biological Standards Board (Functions) Order 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1976.

(2) In this order, unless the context otherwise requires, "the Act" means the Biological Standards Act 1975 and other expressions have the same meanings as in the Act.

(3) 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.

(4) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) 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.

Functions of the National Biological Standards Board

2. For the purposes of section 1(2) of the Act, the functions of the Board shall be—

(*a*) to devise and draw up standards for the purity and potency of biological substances, to design appropriate test procedures and to advise on these matters;

(*b*) to provide or to arrange for the provision of laboratory facilities for the testing of biological substances, to carry out such testing, to examine records of manufacture and quality control of biological substances and to report on the results of such testing or examination;

(*c*) to prepare, approve, hold and distribute standard preparations of biological substances;

(**a**) By virtue of paragraph 2(1)(*b*) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (c. 28).
(**b**) 1975 c. 4.
(**c**) 1889 c. 63.

(*d*) to collaborate with the World Health Organisation, the European Pharmacopoeia Commission and other international organisations or bodies in relation to the establishment of standards for, the provision of standard preparations of, and the testing of biological substances;

(*e*) to carry out or arrange for the carrying out of research in connection with the functions referred to in (*a*) to (*d*) above; and

(*f*) to do all other things incidental or conducive to the discharge of the above functions.

David Ennals,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

4th June 1976.

John Morris,
Secretary of State for Wales.

7th June 1976.

Bruce Millan,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

7th June 1976.

Sealed with the official seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 11th day of June 1976.
(L.S.)

J. H. Copeland,
Deputy Permanent Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order specifies the functions of the National Biological Standards Board established under section 1(1) of the Biological Standards Act 1975. The functions include such matters as the devising of standards for the purity and potency of biological substances, the designing of tests for such standards, the carrying out of the tests, examining records of manufacture and quality control, collaboration with international organisations in relation to biological substances and research connected with those functions.

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