STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 1323

SHOPS AND OFFICES

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (Exemption No. 8) Order 1969

Made - - - 17*th September* 1969

Coming into Operation 1*st October* 1969

The Secretary of State—

(*a*) by virtue of her powers under section 45 of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963(**a**) (hereafter in this Order referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf; and

(*b*) after consulting, pursuant to section 45(4) of the Act, organisations appearing to her to be representative of workers concerned and the employer concerned, respectively, and it appearing to her that there are no other persons concerned,

hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (Exemption No. 8) Order 1969 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1969.

(2) The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (Exemption No. 5) Order 1968(**b**) is hereby revoked.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if this Order and the Order hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

2. The Secretary of State hereby exempts from the requirements imposed by section 5(2) (which relates to overcrowding) of the Act, the following class of rooms, that is to say, switchrooms, where the whole of the switching apparatus is manually operated, which are situate in public telephone exchanges and in which the operations are carried on by persons employed by the Post Office.

3. The exemption granted by this Order shall be for the period commencing on 1st October 1969 and ending on 31st December 1970.

Signed by order of the Secretary of State.

17th September 1969.

E. Fernyhough,

Joint Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Employment and Productivity.

(**a**) 1963 c. 41. (**b**) S.I. 1968/1047 (1968 II, p. 2754). (**c**) 1889 c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order exempts until 31st December 1970, telephone switchrooms where the whole of the switching apparatus is manually operated, which are situate in public telephone exchanges, and in which the operations are carried on by persons employed by the Post Office, from the requirements relating to overcrowding imposed by section 5(2) of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963.

The Order, which supersedes and revokes the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (Exemption No. 5) Order 1968, is made in consequence of the transfer by the Post Office Act 1969 to the Post Office (established under that Act) of certain functions of the Postmaster-General.