STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1964 No. 699

ATOMIC ENERGY AND RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

The Radioactive Substances Act 1948 Appropriate Minister Designation (No. 1) Order 1964

Made - - - - 12*th May* 1964

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 12th day of May 1964

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by section 5(1) of the Radioactive Substances Act 1948(a) it is provided that the appropriate Minister may, as respects any class or description of premises or places specified in the regulations, being premises or places in which radioactive substances are manufactured, produced, treated, stored or used or irradiating apparatus is used, make such provision by regulations as appears to the Minister to be necessary—

(*a*) to prevent injury being caused by ionising radiations to the health of persons employed at those premises or places or other persons; or

(*b*) to secure that any radioactive waste products resulting from such manufacture, production, treatment, storage or use as aforesaid are disposed of safely:

And whereas by section 5(6) of the said Act the expression "the appropriate Minister" in that section is defined as such Minister, or such Ministers acting jointly, as may be designated by Order in Council:

And whereas the said section 5(6) provides that different Ministers may be designated for the purposes of the said section 5(1) for different classes or descriptions of premises or places:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the power conferred on Her by the said section 5(6) is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The Minister of Labour is, as respects Great Britain, hereby designated the appropriate Minister for the purposes of the said section 5(1) for the following classes or descriptions of premises and places, namely, laboratories and other establishments, being laboratories or other establishments in which persons are engaged in scientific research or teaching, and not being laboratories or other establishments carried on at or in conjunction with institutions which provide medical or surgical treatment for in-patients.

2.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Radioactive Substances Act 1948 Appropriate Minister Designation (No. 1) Order 1964.

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

W. G. Agnew.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 37.

(b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Section 5(1) of the Radioactive Substances Act 1948 empowers the appropriate Minister designated under that section to make safety regulations as respects premises or places where there are persons in occupations involving radioactive substances or irradiating apparatus. This Order designates the Minister of Labour the appropriate Minister for the purposes of that provision as respects laboratories and other establishments in which persons are engaged in scientific research or teaching, not being laboratories or other establishments carried on at or in conjunction with institutions which provide medical or surgical treatment for in-patients.