STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# TRANSPORT

## The Regional Railway Boards Order 1966

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| *Made* - - - - | *30th November* 1966 |
| *Laid before Parliament* | *7th December* 1966 |
| *Coming into operation* | *1st January* 1967 |

The Minister of Transport, in exercise of her powers under section 2(2) of the Transport Act 1962(a) and of all other enabling powers and after consulting the British Railways Board, hereby makes the following Order:—

**1.** The number of Regional Railway Boards which, by the said section 2(2), was fixed in the first instance at six shall be altered to five so that the said Boards shall as from the coming into operation of this Order be those named in the said section 2(2) with the exception of the North Eastern Railway Board which shall cease to exist.

**2.** This Order may be cited as the Regional Railway Boards Order 1966 and shall come into operation on the 1st January 1967.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 30th November 1966.

*Barbara Castle,*
(L.S.) Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Section 2 of the Transport Act 1962 requires the British Railways Board to set up Regional Railway Boards which are in accordance with that section to share between them responsibility for all parts of the national railway system. Subsection (2) of section 2 provided that in the first instance there were to be the following six Regional Railway Boards—

the Eastern Railway Board
the London Midland Railway Board
the North Eastern Railway Board
the Scottish Railway Board
the Southern Railway Board
the Western Railway Board

but enabled the Minister after consulting the British Railways Board by order to alter the number of these Regional Railway Boards. Section 2 also makes provision for the British Railways Board from time to time to determine the parts of the national railway system for the management of which the Regional Railway Boards are to be responsible and for the delegation by the British Railways Board of their functions to the Regional Railway Boards.

This Order alters the number of the Regional Railway Boards from six to five so as to enable the functions and responsibilities of the North Eastern Railway Board (which will cease to exist) to be amalgamated with those of the Eastern Railway Board.

(a) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 46.