Session and Chapter or Serial Number	Short Title	Extent of Repeal
2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 67.	The Food and Drugs Amendment Act, 1954.	In section twenty-three, in subsection (1), the words "of Agriculture and Fisheries"; and in subsection (2), the words "or the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries (as the case may be)" and the words "or the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, as the case may be".

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order in Council dissolves the Ministry of Food and transfers its functions in England and Wales and Northern Ireland to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

The main functions now discharged in Scotland by the Minister of Food are transferred to the Secretary of State.

Certain general functions of the Minister of Food, such as the making of orders applicable to the United Kingdom as a whole under Defence Regulations, are transferred to the Secretary of State and the new Minister jointly.

The remaining functions of the Minister of Food, including still outstanding war-time functions and functions relating to trading in food, are transferred to the new Minister, who will exercise these functions in relation to the United Kingdom.

1955 No. 1955

The Transfer of Functions (Roads, Bridges and Ferries) Order, 1955

Made - - - -	*22nd December*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	*30th December*, 1955
Coming into Operation	*1st April*, 1956

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of December, 1955

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in pursuance 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 Transfer of Functions (Roads, Bridges and Ferries) Order, 1955.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 31.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), applies for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say—

" instrument " (without prejudice to the generality of that expression) includes in particular an Order in Council, order, rule, regulation, byelaw, judgment, decree, award, contract, certificate, licence or other document, and " made " in relation to an instrument shall be construed accordingly ;

" the Minister " means the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

(4) Any reference in this Order to an enactment or instrument shall be construed as a reference thereto as amended by or under any other enactment or instrument.

(5) This Order shall come into operation on the first day of April, 1956.

Transfer of functions as respects roads in Scotland to Secretary of State

2. The functions of the Minister under the enactments described in Part I of the First Schedule to this Order (which enactments relate to the construction, maintenance and management of roads, bridges and ferries) are hereby transferred to the Secretary of State in so far as conferred by those enactments in their application to Scotland.

Transfer of certain functions to Secretary of State and Minister acting jointly

3. The functions of the Minister under the enactments described in Part II of the First Schedule to this Order (which enactments confer certain powers for the regulation of the use of roads and of traffic thereon) are hereby transferred to the Secretary of State and the Minister acting jointly.

Transfer of functions under local enactments

4. Any function of the Minister under any local enactment having effect in Scotland, being a function substantially similar to any function conferred on him by any enactment included in Part I of the First Schedule to this Order, is hereby transferred to the Secretary of State.

Transfer of property, etc.

5. With the functions transferred under the foregoing provisions of this Order there are also hereby transferred all property, rights and liabilities held or enjoyed by, or incumbent on, the Minister in connection with those functions respectively.

Supplementary and consequential provisions.

6.—(1) Any enactment or instrument shall have effect, so far as may be necessary for or in consequence of the transfers effected by this Order, as if references to, or which are to be construed as references to, the Minister were references to the Secretary of State or to the Secretary of State and the Minister acting jointly, as the case may require.

(2) The enactments and the instrument specified in the first column of the Second Schedule to this Order shall in their application to Scotland have effect subject to the amendments specified in the second column thereof, being amendments consequential on the transfers effected by this Order.

(3) Where an instrument made under any enactment described in Part II of the First Schedule to this Order and in force at the time of the coming into operation of this Order empowers the Minister to give any direction, authority, approval, instruction or dispensation with respect to the form or character

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

or the erection or siting of any individual traffic sign or to dispense with, add to or modify the requirements of the instrument in any particular case, the powers so conferred shall in Scotland be exercised by the Secretary of State.

(4) This Order shall not affect the validity of anything done in the exercise of powers transferred by this Order by or in relation to the Minister 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 Minister as aforesaid (including in particular any legal proceedings then pending to which the Minister is a party) may be continued by or in relation to the Secretary of State or the Secretary of State and the Minister acting jointly, as the case may require.

(5) Any approval, authority or licence given or other thing done by the Minister in the exercise of powers transferred by this Order shall, if in force at the time of the coming into operation of this Order, continue in force as if given or done by the Secretary of State or by the Secretary of State and the Minister acting jointly, as the case may require.

W. G. Agnew

FIRST SCHEDULE

Provision	*Subject Matter*
PART I	
SCOTTISH FUNCTIONS TRANSFERRED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE	
The Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878 (41 & 42 *Vict. c.* 51)	
Section eighty-eight	Determination of incidence of cost of maintaining, etc., certain bridges.
The Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Amendment Act, 1892 (55 & 56 *Vict. c.* 12)	
Section five	Preservation of lands from injury.
The Development and Road Improvement Funds Act, 1909 (9 *Edw.* 7. *c.* 47)	
Part II	Road Improvement.
The Ministry of Transport Act, 1919 (9 & 10 *Geo.* 5. *c.* 50)	
Section two, so far as relating to roads, bridges and ferries.	Powers and duties of the Minister.
Section eleven	Appeal as to bridges.
Section seventeen, subsection (1), so far as relating to roads, bridges or ferries, and subsection (2).	Power to make advances for certain purposes, and to classify roads.
Section twenty, in so far as it confers power to hold inquiries in connection with functions transferred to the Secretary of State.	Power to hold inquiries.
Second Schedule	Procedure for making orders.
The Roads Act, 1920 (10 & 11 *Geo.* 5. *c.* 72)	
Section three, subsection (6) ...	Annual report.
The Roads Improvement Act, 1925 (15 & 16 *Geo.* 5. *c.* 68)	
The whole Act.	
The Bridges Act, 1929 (19 & 20 *Geo.* 5. *c.* 33)	
The whole Act	
The Road Traffic Act, 1930 (20 & 21 *Geo.* 5. *c.* 43)	
Section twenty-three	Inquiries into accidents.
Section twenty-seven	Weighing of motor vehicles, etc.
Section thirty, in so far as it confers power to make regulations for the purposes of section twenty-seven of the Act.	Power to make regulations.

Section forty-six	Power to restrict use of vehicles on specified roads.
Section forty-seven	Power in connection with temporary prohibition or restriction of traffic on roads.
Section forty-eight, except subsection (1) in so far as relating to the giving of general directions, and subsection (2) in so far as it confers power to prescribe generally the size, colour and type of traffic signs.	Erection of traffic signs, etc.
Section fifty-three	Transfer of toll bridges and toll roads to local authorities.
Section fifty-six	Removal of structures from highways.
Section fifty-seven	Power to make advances for purposes connected with roads.
Section fifty-nine, in so far as it confers power to make regulations in connection with functions transferred to the Secretary of State, or in respect of the matters specified in paragraph (*c*) of subsection (1) thereof.	Power to make regulations.
Section one hundred and nineteen ...	Special provisions as to Scotland.

The Road and Rail Traffic Act, 1933 (23 & 24 *Geo.* 5. *c.* 53)

Section twenty-nine	Power to prohibit or restrict use of vehicles on certain roads.
Section thirty	Power to prohibit or restrict use of vehicles on certain bridges.
Section forty-seven, in so far as it confers power to hold inquiries in connection with functions transferred to the Secretary of State.	Inquiries.

The Road Traffic Act, 1934 (24 & 25 *Geo.* 5. *c.* 50)

Section one, subsections (4), (5), (6) and (7).	Speed limits.
Section eighteen	Foot-passenger crossings.

The Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935 (25 & 26 *Geo.* 5. *c.* 47)
The whole Act

The Trunk Roads Act, 1936 (1 *Edw.* 8 & 1 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 5)
The whole Act.

The Street Playgrounds Act, 1938 (1 & 2 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 37)
The whole Act.

The Civil Defence Act, 1939 (2 & 3 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 31)

Section eight	Construction of underground car parks suitable for use as air-raid shelters.
Section fifty-nine	Power to acquire plant and materials for repair of roads and bridges.

The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945 (8 & 9 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 33)

Section twenty-two, subsection (3) ...	Provision of alternative right of way.

The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945 (8 & 9 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 33) *as applied with modifications by the New Towns Act*, 1946 (9 & 10 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 68)
The whole Act in so far as it confers functions on the Minister in connection with highways.

The Requisitioned Land and War Works Act, 1945 (8 & 9 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 43)

Part III	Highways.

The Trunk Roads Act, 1946 (9 & 10 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 30)

The whole Act.

The New Towns Act, 1946 (9 & 10 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 68)

Section seven	Highways.

The Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1947 (10 & 11 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 43)

Section one hundred and twenty-three	Delegation of functions.

The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1947 (10 & 11 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 53)

Section forty-four	Power to authorise construction of certain new roads.
Section forty-six	Power to stop up and divert highways etc.
Sixth Schedule	Procedure for making orders under s. 46.

The Local Government Act, 1948 (11 & 12 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 26)

Section thirty-one, subsection (2) ...	Estimation of road mileages.

The Special Roads Act, 1949 (12, 13 & 14 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 32)

The whole Act, except subsection (6) of section twelve.

The Civil Aviation Act, 1949 (12, 13 & 14 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 67)

Section twenty-eight	Power to stop up and divert highways.

The Highways (Provision of Cattle-grids) Act, 1950 (14 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 24)

The whole Act except subsection (2) of section six.

The Public Utilities Street Works Act, 1950 (14 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 39)

The whole Act.

The Supplies and Services (Defence Purposes) Act, 1951 (14 & 15 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 25)

Section two	Stopping up of highways for defence purposes.

The Mineral Workings Act, 1951 (14 & 15 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 60)

Section thirty-two	Temporary stopping up of highways.

The School Crossing Patrols Act, 1953 (1 & 2 *Eliz.* 2. *c.* 45)

Section two	Power of school crossing patrols to stop traffic.

PART II

FUNCTIONS TRANSFERRED TO SECRETARY OF STATE AND MINISTER ACTING JOINTLY

The Road Traffic Act, 1930 (20 & 21 *Geo.* 5. *c.* 43)

Section forty-eight, subsection (1) so far as relating to the giving of general directions, and subsection (2) in so far as it confers power to prescribe generally the size, colour and type of traffic signs.	Erection of traffic signs, etc.
Section fifty-nine, in so far as it confers power to make regulations in connection with functions transferred to the Secretary of State and the Minister acting jointly.	Power to make regulations.

The Road Traffic Act, 1934 (24 & 25 *Geo.* 5. *c.* 50)

Section one, subsections (3) and (8) ...	Variation of general speed limit.

The Highways (Provision of Cattle-grids) Act, 1950 (14 *Geo.* 6. *c.* 24)

Section six, subsection (2)	Traffic signs.

SECOND SCHEDULE

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

The Roads Improvement Act, 1925. (15 & 16 Geo. 5. c. 68).	In section five, in the proviso to subsection (8), the words "after consultation with the Minister of Health" shall be omitted; and in section twelve paragraph (*a*) shall be omitted.
The Trunk Roads Act, 1936. (1 Edw. 8 & 1 Geo. 6. c. 5).	In section twelve, in subsection (17) for the words from "subsections (1) and (3)" to the end of the subsection there shall be substituted the words "subsections (2) to (9) of section three hundred and fifty-five of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1947, shall apply to any such inquiry as they apply to a local inquiry held under that section".
The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1947. (10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 53).	In section twelve, in paragraph (*a*) of subsection (3) the words "(or, in the case of development affecting trunk roads the Minister of Transport)" shall be omitted.
The Special Roads Act, 1949. (12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 32).	In section nine, subsection (2) shall be omitted.
The Coast Protection Act, 1949. (12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 74).	In section five, in the proviso to subsection (4) and in section eight, in the proviso to subsection (4), for the words "navigation authority or highway authority" there shall be substituted the words "or navigation authority".
	In section seventeen, in subsection (10) after the words "fishing industry" there shall be inserted the words "or are a highway authority".
	In the First Schedule, in sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 3 (as read with paragraph 8) for the words from "or by a body" to "this Schedule" there shall be substituted the words "or by the British Transport Commission".
The Ministry of Transport (Bridges Procedure) Rules, 1930. (S.R. & O. 1930/756 (Rev. III, p. 169: 1930, p. 130)).	Rule 4 in so far as it requires notice to be given to the Secretary of State of an application by reason that it relates to common or commonable land or any church burial land or cemetery in Scotland shall cease to have effect.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Under this Order the powers of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, which relate to the construction, maintenance and management of roads, bridges and ferries in Scotland, and which are set out in Part I of the First Schedule, are transferred to the Secretary of State. Provision is also made for certain powers, which relate to the use of roads, e.g., the

prescription of the size, colour and type of traffic signs, to be exercised jointly by the Secretary of State and the Minister. These powers are set out in Part II of the First Schedule.

The Second Schedule makes certain consequential amendments.

MUSCAT

1955 No. 1641

The Muscat Order, 1955

Made - - - -	*28th October*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	*2nd November*, 1955
Coming into Operation	*1st December*, 1955

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of October, 1955

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by Treaty, grant, usage, sufferance, and other lawful means Her Majesty the Queen has jurisdiction within the territories of the Sultan of Muscat and Oman;

And Whereas provision was made for the exercise of such jurisdiction by the Muscat Order in Council, 1949(a);

And Whereas it is expedient to repeal the said Order in Council and make further provision for the exercise of the said jurisdiction;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred by the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, 1890 and 1913(b), or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

PART I.—PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL

1. This Order may be cited as the Muscat Order, 1955.

2. The limits of this Order are all the territories of the Sultan of Muscat and Oman, including the territorial waters thereof and all other areas over which he has jurisdiction.

3. This Order is divided into parts as follows:—

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(a) S.I. 1949/594 (1949 I, p. 1826). (b) 53 & 54 Vict. c. 37 and 3 & 4 Geo. 5. c. 16.