1953 No. 1674

The Transfer of Functions (War Risks Compensation) Order, 1953

Made - - - -	*19th November*, 1953
Laid before Parliament	*20th November*, 1953
Coming into Operation	*1st April*, 1954

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 19th day of November, 1953

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:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Transfer of Functions (War Risks Compensation) Order, 1953.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

2.—(1) There are hereby transferred to the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance the functions of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation exercisable in relation to the award and payment of pensions and other benefits to merchant seamen and fishermen disabled in the war of 1914 to 1918 and to widows and dependants of merchant seamen and fishermen dying from injuries sustained in that war.

(2) Anything in process of being done in exercise of the said functions by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation at the time of the coming into operation of this Order may be continued by the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, and any award, instrument or other document shall, so far as may be necessary for or in consequence of the transfer affected by this Order, have effect as if references to, or which are to be construed as references to, the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation were references to the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

In the course of the war of 1914 to 1918 schemes were set up for the payment of benefits to merchant seamen and fishermen disabled in that war and to the widows and dependants of merchant seamen and fishermen dying from injuries received in that war. The liability for the payment of these benefits was assumed by the Government and the responsibility for administering the schemes is at present entrusted to the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation. This Order transfers that responsibility to the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance.

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