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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2023 No. 424**

The Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for Science, Innovation and Technology, for Business and Trade, and for Culture, Media and Sport and the Transfer of Functions (National Security and Investment Act 2021 etc) Order 2023

**Incorporation of the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology**

4.—(1) The person who at the coming into force of this Order is the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology and any successor to that person is by that name a corporation sole.

(2) The corporate seal of the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology—

- (a) is to be authenticated by the signature of a Secretary of State or a person authorised by a Secretary of State to act in that behalf, and
- (b) is to be officially and judicially noticed.

(3) Every document purporting to be an instrument made or issued by the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology and to be—

- (a) sealed with the corporate seal of that Secretary of State authenticated in the manner provided for in paragraph (2), or
- (b) signed or executed by a person authorised by a Secretary of State to act in that behalf,

is to be received in evidence and to be deemed to be so made or issued without further proof, unless the contrary is shown.

(4) A certificate signed by the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology that an instrument purporting to be made or issued by—

- (a) the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology,
- (b) the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy,
- (c) the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport,
- (d) the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills,
- (e) the Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills, or
- (f) the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry,

was so made or issued is conclusive evidence of that fact.

(5) The Documentary Evidence Act 1868(1) applies in relation to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology—

- (a) as if references to regulations and orders included references to any document, and
- (b) as if the officers mentioned in column 2 of the Schedule included any officer authorised to act on behalf of the Secretary of State.

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