
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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PART II

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NATIONAL
MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES OF NORTHERN IRELAND**

Disposal of objects

5.—(1) The Board shall not dispose of any object the property in which is vested in it and which is comprised in its collections, except in accordance with the following provisions of this Article.

(2) The Board may dispose of any object the property in which is vested in it and which is comprised in its collections if—

- (a) the disposal is by way of sale, exchange or gift of an object which is a duplicate of another object the property in which is so vested and which is so comprised; or
- (b) the disposal is by way of sale, exchange or gift of an object which in the opinion of the Board is unsuitable for retention in its collections and can be disposed of without detriment to the interests of students or other members of the public; or
- (c) the disposal is by way of sale or gift made to, or exchange made with, any institution mentioned in Part I of Schedule 5 to the Museums and Galleries Act 1992; or
- (d) the disposal (by whatever means, including destruction) is of an object which the Board is satisfied has become useless for the purposes of its collections by reason of damage, physical deterioration or infestation by destructive organisms; or
- (e) the Department consents to the disposal.

(3) An object may only be disposed of as mentioned in paragraph (2)(a), (b) or (c) where the disposal is not inconsistent with any trust or condition (express or implied) prohibiting or restricting the disposal of the object.

(4) An object may be disposed of as mentioned in paragraph (2)(d) or (e) notwithstanding a trust or condition (express or implied) prohibiting or restricting the disposal of the object.