

1966 No. 1411

MINISTERS OF THE CROWN
**The Transfer of Functions (Weights and Measures)
Order 1966**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	11th November 1966
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	17th November 1966
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st December 1966

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of November 1966

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 (Weights and Measures) Order 1966.

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

(3) This Order shall come into operation on 1st December 1966.

Transfer to Minister of Technology of certain functions relating to weights and measures

2.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph, there are hereby transferred to the Minister of Technology the functions of the Board of Trade under the following provisions of the Weights and Measures Act 1963(c), that is to say—

- (a) sections 2, 7 and 8 (which relate to United Kingdom primary standards and the Commission on Units and Standards of Measurement);
- (b) Schedule 1 (under which the Board of Trade may assign to certain units of measurement meanings appearing to the Board to reproduce in English the international definitions of those units);
- (c) paragraph 9 of Schedule 10 (which relates to the comparison of United Kingdom and Northern Ireland primary standards); and
- (d) section 55 (which provides for the making of reports to Parliament) so far as it relates to the provisions mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this sub-paragraph.

(a) 1946 c. 31.

(c) 1963 c. 31.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(2) The functions transferred by sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph do not include—

- (a) the function, under subsection (2) of section 7 of the said Act of 1963, of appointing two of the three members of the Commission on Units and Standards of Measurement who are to be appointed by the Board of Trade otherwise than on a recommendation made in pursuance of that subsection; and
- (b) the function of terminating the appointments of the two members aforesaid.

Supplementary

3.—(1) In any enactment or instrument passed or made before the coming into operation of this Order any reference to the Board of Trade (including a reference which is to be construed as such a reference) shall, so far as may be necessary for or in consequence of the foregoing provisions of this Order, be construed as a reference to the Minister of Technology.

(2) This Order shall not affect the validity of anything done by or in relation to the Board of Trade before the coming into operation of this Order; and any order or determination made or direction given or other thing done by the Board of Trade in exercise of any function transferred by this Order shall, if in force at the coming into operation of this Order, continue in force as if made, given or done by the Minister of Technology.

(3) In section 2(1) of the said Act of 1963 the words “(in this Act referred to as ‘the Board’)” are hereby repealed.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order in Council, made under the Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) Act 1946, transfers to the Minister of Technology certain functions of the Board of Trade relating to weights and measures.