
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1897

**The Transfer of Functions (Information
and Public Records) Order 2015**

Functions transferred by article 6: supplemental

7.—(1) In this article “public records function” means a function which is transferred by article 6.

(2) This Order does not affect the validity of anything done (or having effect as if done) by or in relation to the Lord Chancellor before the coming into force of this Order.

(3) There are transferred to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport all property, rights and liabilities to which the Lord Chancellor is entitled or subject at the coming into force of this Order in connection with a public records function.

(4) Anything (including legal proceedings) which, at the coming into force of this Order, is in the process of being done by or in relation to the Lord Chancellor may, so far as it relates to a public records function or anything transferred by paragraph (3), be continued by or in relation to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

(5) Anything done (or having effect as if done) by or in relation to the Lord Chancellor in connection with a public records function or anything transferred by paragraph (3) has effect, so far as necessary for continuing its effect after the coming into force of this Order, as if done by or in relation to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

(6) Documents or forms printed for use in connection with a public records function may be used in connection with the exercise of that function by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport even though they contain, or are to be read as containing, references to the Lord Chancellor; and for the purposes of the use of any such documents or forms in connection with the exercise of that function by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, those references are to be read as references to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

(7) Any enactment or instrument passed or made before the coming into force of this Order has effect—

(a) so far as necessary for the purposes of or in consequence of article 6, as if references to the Lord Chancellor (and references which are to be read as references to the Lord Chancellor) were or included references to the Secretary of State, and

(b) so far as necessary for the purposes of or in consequence of paragraph (3), as if references to the Lord Chancellor (and references which are to be read as references to the Lord Chancellor) were or included references to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

(8) In paragraphs (2) and (4) to (7)—

(a) references to the Lord Chancellor are to be read as including references to the department or an officer of the Lord Chancellor, and

(b) references to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport or the Secretary of State are to be read accordingly.