
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“business function” means any function so far as—

- (a) it is transferred by [article 11](#), or
- (b) it was entrusted to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy immediately before 6th February 2023 and has before the making of this Order been entrusted to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade;

“CMS function” means any function so far as—

- (a) it is transferred by [article 13](#), or
- (b) it was entrusted to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport immediately before 6th February 2023 and has before the making of this Order been entrusted to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport;

“digital function” means any function so far as—

- (a) it is transferred by [article 9\(1\), \(2\), \(3\)\(b\), \(5\) or \(6\)](#), or
- (b) it was entrusted to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport immediately before 6th February 2023 and has before the making of this Order been entrusted to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology;

“energy function” means any function so far as—

- (a) it is transferred by [article 7](#), or
- (b) it was entrusted to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy immediately before 6th February 2023 and has before the making of this Order been entrusted to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero;

“Geospatial Commission function” means a function relating to the Geospatial Commission which was entrusted to the Minister for the Cabinet Office immediately before 6th February 2023 and has before the making of this Order been entrusted to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology;

“NSI function” means any function which is directed by [article 15](#) to be exercisable concurrently with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster;

“OSTS function” means a function relating to the Office for Science and Technology Strategy which was entrusted to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster immediately before 6th February 2023 and has before the making of this Order been entrusted to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology;

“SIT function” means any function so far as—

- (a) it is transferred by [article 9\(3\)\(a\)](#), or
- (b) it was entrusted to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy immediately before 6th February 2023 and has before the making of this Order been entrusted to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology;

“trade function” means any function so far as it was entrusted to the Secretary of State for International Trade immediately before 6th February 2023 and has before the making of this Order been entrusted to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade.

(2) In this Order, “instrument” includes Royal Charters, Royal Warrants, Orders in Council, Letters Patent, judgments, decrees, orders, rules, regulations, schemes, bye-laws, awards, licences, authorisations, consents, approvals, contracts and other agreements, memoranda and articles of association, certificates, deeds and other documents.