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1979 No. 578

MINISTERS OF THE CROWN

**The Secretary of State for Trade Order 1979**

<i>Made</i>	23rd May 1979
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	24th May 1979
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st June 1979

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23rd day of May 1979

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in pursuance of sections 1 and 2 of the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975(a) is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

*Citation and commencement*

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Secretary of State for Trade Order 1979.

(2) This Order comes into operation on 1st June 1979.

*Transfer of functions*

2. The function of the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection under section 9(11) of the Agriculture Act 1967(b) is hereby transferred to the Secretary of State for Trade.

*Supplemental*

3.—(1) In this Article “transferred function” means any function which was previously exercisable by the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection and which has been entrusted to another Secretary of State.

(2) Any enactment, instrument or contract passed or made before the coming into operation of this Order shall have effect, so far as may be necessary in connection with a transferred function, as if any reference to the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection or his Department or an officer of his (including any reference which is to be construed as such a reference) were or included a reference to the Secretary of State for Trade or his Department or an officer of his, as the case may be.

(3) Documents or forms printed or duplicated for use in connection with a transferred function may be so used notwithstanding that they contain references to the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, and those references shall be construed as references to the Secretary of State for

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(a) 1975 c. 26.

(b) 1967 c. 22; amended by S.I. 1970/1537, art. 2(3) and S.I. 1974/692, art. 5(3).

Trade ; and similarly with references to the Department or an officer of the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection.

(4) In Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967(a), the words "Department of Prices and Consumer Protection" are hereby repealed.

(5) In section 9(11) of the Agriculture Act 1967 for the words "Secretary of State for Trade and Industry" there are substituted the words "Secretary of State for Trade".

*N. E. Leigh,*  
Clerk of the Privy Council.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order transfers to the Secretary of State for Trade the remaining statutory function of the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection. It also provides for the conversion of certain references to the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection and his Department and officers, following the transfer of his functions to the Secretary of State for Trade.

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(a) 1967 c. 13; amended by S.I. 1974/692, art. 4(1).

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