
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 273

**The Transfer of Functions (Registration
and Statistics) Order 1996**

Consequential amendments, &c.

5.—(1) The enactments mentioned in Schedule 2 to this Order shall have effect with the amendments specified in that Schedule.

(2) Subject to the amendments made by Schedule 2 to this Order, any enactment or instrument passed or made before the coming into force of this Order shall have effect, so far as necessary for the purpose of or in consequence of article 3, as if for any reference to the Secretary of State or the Secretary of State for Health (including any reference which is to be construed as such a reference) there were substituted a reference to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

(3) Any reference in any instrument to the Central Statistical Office of the Chancellor of the Exchequer or the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (including any reference which is to be construed as such a reference) shall be construed after the coming into force of this Order (so far as the context permits) as a reference to the Office for National Statistics.

(4) Documents or forms printed or duplicated for use in connection with any function transferred by this Order may be used notwithstanding that they contain (or are to be construed as containing) references to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State for Health, the Department of Health, an officer of that Department, the Central Statistical Office of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, an officer of that Office, the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys or an officer of that Office; and those references shall be construed as references to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Office for National Statistics or an officer of that Office, as the context may require.

(5) The Documentary Evidence Act 1868(1) shall apply in relation to the Office for National Statistics—

- (a) as if that Office were a government department included in the first column of the Schedule to that Act;
- (b) as if the Chancellor of the Exchequer or any person authorised to act on his behalf were mentioned in relation to that Office in the second column of that Schedule; and
- (c) as if the regulations referred to in that Act included any document issued by that Office.