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The Secretaries of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, for International Trade and for Exiting the European Union and the Transfer of Functions (Education and Skills) Order 2016

Incorporation of the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union

5.—(1) The person who at the coming into force of this Order is the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union and any successor to that person is by that name a corporation sole.

(2) The corporate seal of the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union—

- (a) is to be authenticated by the signature of a Secretary of State or a person authorised by a Secretary of State to act in that behalf, and
- (b) is to be officially and judicially noticed.

(3) Every document purporting to be an instrument made or issued by the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union and to be—

- (a) sealed with the corporate seal of that Secretary of State authenticated in the manner provided for by paragraph (2), or
- (b) signed or executed by a person authorised by a Secretary of State to act in that behalf,

is to be received in evidence and to be deemed to be so made or issued without further proof, unless the contrary is shown.

(4) A certificate signed by the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union that an instrument purporting to be made or issued by that Secretary of State was so made or issued is conclusive evidence of that fact.

(5) The Documentary Evidence Act 1868 applies in relation to the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union—

- (a) as if references to regulations and orders included references to any document, and
- (b) as if the officers mentioned in column 2 of the Schedule included any officer authorised to act on behalf of the Secretary of State.