STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 391

NORTHERN IRELAND DEPARTMENTS

Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997

Made - - - -	*22nd August 1997*
Coming into operation	*1st October 1997*

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 of the Ministries Act (Northern Ireland) 1944(**1**) and now vested in me(**2**) and all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following Order—

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on 1st October 1997.

Interpretation

2. In this Order "the transfer date" means 1st October 1997.

Transfer of certain functions of the Department of Economic Development

3. There are hereby transferred as from the transfer date to the Department of the Environment the functions exercisable immediately before that date by the Department of Economic Development under or for the purposes of Article 17 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1990(**3**).

References in enactments, etc.

4.—(1) In the construction and for the purposes of any enactment, judgment, decree, order, award, deed, contract, regulation, byelaw, certificate or other document passed or made before the transfer date, any reference to, or which is to be construed as a reference to, the Department of Economic Development shall, so far only as may be necessary for the purposes of this Order, be construed as a reference to the Department of the Environment.

(**1**) 1944 c. 14 (N.I.)
(**2**) By S.I.1973/2163 Article 14(1) and Sch. 5 para. 27; 1974 c. 28 section 1(3) and Sch. 1 para. 2(1)(*b*)
(**3**) S.I. 1990/1511 (N.I. 15) as amended by S.I. 1996/2879 (N.I. 21)