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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 745**

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

**The European Communities (Designation) Order 1998**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>18th March 1998</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>30th March 1998</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>20th April 1998</i>

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 18th day of March 1998

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(1)</sup>, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the European Communities (Designation) Order 1998 and shall come into force on 20th April 1998.

**Designation of Ministers or Departments**

2.—(1) For the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 the Ministers or government departments specified in column (1) of the Schedule to this Order are hereby designated in relation to the matters specified in column (2) of that Schedule.

(2) Where a Minister or government department is designated in relation to any item in column (2) of the said Schedule, then, for the purposes of the said section 2(2), that Minister or government department is also hereby designated in relation to anything supplemental or related to the matters specified in that item.

(3) Where both a Minister and one or more government departments are designated by this Order in relation to any matter, the designation has effect as respects the making of regulations by any of them or by more than one of them acting jointly.

(4) Regulations made by a Northern Ireland Department in pursuance of this Order shall form part of the law of Northern Ireland and not of any other part of the United Kingdom.

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(1) 1972 c. 68.

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**Status:** *This is the original version (as it was originally made).*

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*N. H. Nicholls*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

**SCHEDULE**

Article 2

**DESIGNATION**

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<i>(1)</i> <i>Ministers or departments</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Matters in relation to which the Ministers or departments are designated</i>
The Secretary of State	Measures relating to the regulation of the electricity sector
Any Northern Ireland Department	The preceding item in this column
The Secretary of State	Measures relating to the reduction of emissions of pollutants from internal combustion engines

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This is a further Order in the series designating Ministers who, and departments which, may exercise powers to make regulations conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 and specifying the matters in relation to which those powers may be exercised.