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**2018 No. 1066**

**EUROPEAN UNION**

**The European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Strategic  
Partnership Agreement) (Canada) Order 2018**

*Made - - - - 10th October 2018*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 2*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 10th day of October 2018

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

A draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 1(3) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(1)</sup> and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

Accordingly, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 1(3) of the European Communities Act 1972, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Strategic Partnership Agreement) (Canada) Order 2018.
2. This Order comes into force on the date on which the treaty specified in article 3 enters into force for the United Kingdom<sup>(2)</sup>.
3. The Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Canada, of the other part, signed at Brussels on 30th October 2016<sup>(3)</sup> is to be regarded as an EU Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(4)</sup>.

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(1) 1972 c. 68; section 1(3) was amended by section 3(3) of, and Part 1 of the Schedule to, the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c. 7).

(2) It will be possible to find out the date on which the treaty enters into force for the United Kingdom by referring to the relevant page on UK Treaties Online which can be found at this link: <https://www.gov.uk/uk-treaties>.

(3) Cm 9586.

(4) Section 1(2) was amended by: section 3(1) and (3) of, and Part 1 of the Schedule to, the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008; section 15(2) of the European Union Act 2011 (c. 12); section 3 of the European Union (Croatian Accession and Irish Protocol) Act 2013 (c. 5); and section 1(2) of the European Union (Finance) Act 2015 (c. 32). There are other amending instruments but none are relevant.

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**Status:** *This is the original version (as it was originally made).*

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*Richard Tilbrook*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order declares the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Canada, of the other part, signed at Brussels on 30th October 2016 (the Agreement), to be an EU Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

The Agreement is intended to strengthen relations between the European Union, its Member States and Canada by promoting political dialogue and cooperation in areas of common interest, such as: human rights and democracy, international peace and security and effective multilateralism, economic and sustainable development, and justice, freedom and security.

The principal effect of declaring the Agreement to be an EU Treaty is that the provisions of section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 (which provide for implementation of treaties specified in orders made under section 1(3) of that Act) apply to it.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been carried out for this Order as there is a negligible impact on the costs to UK business, charities and voluntary bodies.