

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Order declares an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on behalf of the Isle of Man and the European Community extending to the Isle of Man the legal protection of databases as provided for in Chapter III of Directive [96/9/EC](#), to be a Community Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972. The Agreement binds both the Community and the Isle of Man to extend to each other reciprocal protection of rights in databases within the terms of Chapter III of Directive [96/9/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11th March 1996. The principal effect of declaring this Agreement to be a Community Treaty as so defined is to bring into play, in relation to it, the provisions of section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 which provides for the implementation of treaties so specified.