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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1981 No. 206**

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

**The European Communities (Designation) Order 1981**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>18th February 1981</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>26th February 1981</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>20th March 1981</i>

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 18th day of February 1981

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, 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 1981 and shall come into operation on 20th March 1981.

**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 respectively 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 incidental to the matters specified in that item.

(3) Where more than one Minister or government department is 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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N.E. Leigh  
Clerk of the Privy Council

## SCHEDULE

<i>Column 1</i> <i>Ministers or departments</i>	<i>Column 2</i> <i>Matters in relation to which the Ministers or departments are designated</i>
The Secretary of State	Matters relating to listing of securities on a stock exchange and information concerning listed securities.
The Secretary of State	Mergers involving the transfer of the undertaking of a public company to another.
Any Northern Ireland department	The preceding items in this column.
The Commissioners of Customs and Excise	Matters relating to value added tax.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order designates Ministers who and departments which may exercise powers to make regulations conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 and specifies the matters in relation to which those powers may be exercised.