
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules amend the European Parliamentary Election Petition Rules 1979 so as—

(1) to give effect to amendments to the Representation of the People Act 1983 contained in the Representation of the People Act 1985 relating to security for costs of petitions (rule 2(2) and (3));

(2) to extend the application of section 119 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (computation of time) to the periods prescribed by Rules 5 and 6 (Rule 2(4)).

(3) to correct certain obsolete references (Rule 2(5)).

The Rules are similar to those made by the Election Petition (Amendment) Rules 1985 (S.I.1985/1278) in respect of parliamentary elections.