STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 2577

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Kingdom of Morocco) Order 1997

> Made - - - - 30th October 1997 Coming into force in accordance with Article 1

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 30th day of October 1997

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 1 of the European Communities Act 1972(1) and has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 1(3) of the European Communities Act 1972 or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

This Order may be cited as the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Kingdom of Morocco) Order 1997. It shall come into operation in respect of the treaty specified in the Schedule to this Order on the date on which the Agreement comes into force for the United Kingdom. This date will be notified in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes.

2. The treaty specified in the Schedule to this Order is to be regarded as a Community Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made).

N. H. Nicholls Clerk of the Privy Council

SCHEDULE

Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Kingdom of Morocco(2)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order declares the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Kingdom of Morocco, done at Brussels on 26 February 1996, to be a Community Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972. The Agreement establishes an Association which has as one objective the provision of a framework for political dialogue between the Parties. Other objectives include establishing the conditions for the gradual liberalisation of trade in goods, services and capital; promoting trade and the expansion of harmonious economic and social relations between the Parties; encouraging the integration of the Maghreb countries by promoting trade and co-operation between Morocco and other countries of the region; and the promotion of economic, social cultural and financial co-operation. 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 provide for the implementation of treaties so specified.

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