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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1999 No. 654**

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

**The European Communities (Designation) Order 1999**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>10th March 1999</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>22nd March 1999</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>12th April 1999</i>

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 10th day of March 1999

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<sup>(1)</sup>, 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 1999 and shall come into force on 12th April 1999.

**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 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 related to the matters specified in that item.

(3) Where both a Minister and one or more government departments are 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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(1) 1972 c. 68.

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**Status:** *This is the original version (as it was originally made).*

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*A.K. Galloway*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

SCHEDULE

Article 2

DESIGNATION

<i>(1)</i> <i>Ministers or Departments</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Matters in relation to which Ministers or Departments are designated</i>
The Secretary of State	Measures relating to the acquisition by companies of their own shares, and to distributions to their shareholders
The Secretary of State	Measures relating to the direct or indirect promotion of tobacco products
Any Northern Ireland Department	The preceding items in this column
The Secretary of State	Measures relating to the treatment of grants to local authorities
The Secretary of State and the Commissioners of Customs and Excise	Measures relating to goods infringing a patent and goods infringing a supplementary protection certificate

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This is a further Order in the series designating Ministers who, and departments which, may exercise powers to make regulations conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 and specifying the matters in relation to which those powers may be exercised.