

**2000 No. 3269**

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

**The European Communities (Definition of Treaties)  
(Agreement between the European Community and its  
Member States and the Swiss Confederation on the Free  
Movement of Persons) Order 2000**

*Made - - - - 13th December 2000  
Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of December 2000  
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(3) of the European Communities Act 1972(a) 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:

**Citation and commencement**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Swiss Confederation on the Free Movement of Persons) Order 2000.

(2) This Order shall come into force in respect of the treaty specified in the Schedule to this Order on the date on which the treaty enters into force for the United Kingdom. This date will be notified in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes.

**Specification as Community Treaty**

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.

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

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(a) 1972 c. 68.



#### SCHEDULE

The Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other, on the Free Movement of Persons, signed at Brussels on 21st June 1999(a).

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order declares the Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Swiss Confederation, on the Free Movement of Persons, signed on 21st June 1999, to be a Community Treaty as defined in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972. The object of the Agreement is to accord rights of entry and residence (for both economically active and inactive persons), and rights of access to work (for both employed and self-employed persons); to facilitate the provision of services in the territory of the Contracting Parties; and to accord equal treatment as regards living, employment and working conditions.

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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